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### DR. GOLDMANN REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH AUSTRIA ON JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, July 18. (JTA) -- The long drawn out negotiations between the Austrian Government and world Jewish organizations for compensation for Jewish victims of Nazism in Austria came to an end today when Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the joint executive board of the Jewish Committee for Claims on Austria, accompanied by Moses W. Beckelman, head of the Jewish negotiations delegation, arrived here and met with Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab, Vice Chancellor Adolph Schaerf and Finance Minister Reinhardt Kamitz. Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Austria, attended the meeting at which the settlement was reached.

Dr. Goldmann arrived here following a meeting of the joint executive board in Zurich yesterday at which the settlement reached earlier between the Jewish delegation and Austrian negotiators was accepted. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Goldmann said that the settlement is "fair and acceptable to world Jewry."

A formal statement announcing the total sum involved in the settlement is expected to be issued tomorrow by the Austrian Government. In the meantime, it was learned from private sources today that the sum involved will reach \$22,000,000. The Austrian Government will establish a trust to administer a fund which will, during the next 10 years, pay to Austrian and former Austrian Jews now residing abroad lump sums in compensation for their claims.

Before setting up this trust, the Austrian Government will consult world Jewish organizations on the statute governing the trust and on its membership. The compensation payments will be tax-free and will be based upon a system of priorities in which need will be the major factor. State of health, ability to earn and age will be other determining factors.

Dr. Goldmann estimated that between 15,000 and 17,000 persons will benefit from the settlement. He said that one-third of the prospective beneficiaries now live in Israel, many thousands more in Britain and others in the United States and South America.

He credited the cooperation of all Jewish groups, including those in Austria, with bringing about the settlement. He also praised the interest displayed by the Big Powers in securing a fair settlement for the Jews and lauded the indirect assistance given by the Israel Foreign Ministry and by Israel's consul here, Arie Eshel. He singled out for special praise Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, member of the Jewish negotiating group, whose role in the negotiations he called excellent.

### JEWISH STORES WRECKED BY MOSLEM NATIONALIST MOBS IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA, July 18. (JTA) -- Moslem nationalist mobs wrecked and burned a number of Jewish-owned stalls in the old medina (native quarter) market here yesterday as fighting between the nationalists and French police and troops continued into the second week. The Moslems believe that the Jews are collaborating with the French.

The situation remains confused in this city where more than 100 persons have already lost their lives and where the police forces make their way through the Moslem quarters in battle dress and in frontline patrol fashion. It is impossible at this time to assess Jewish losses in either lives and property, although few Jews are believed to be among the casualties. However, a number of Jewish merchants have been ruined by the sacking and destruction of their property.

A ten year old Jewish boy, Georges Dahan, was one of six persons killed here when a powerful bomb exploded at Casablanca Square. In addition, 35 persons were injured in the explosion. This incident led to reprisals by Frenchmen and further nationalist attacks.

Meanwhile, the World Jewish Congress has opened an office here, headed by David Azoulai as executive secretary. The decision to open the office was made by the WJC executive and the Moroccan Central Committee of the Congress.

## PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY ISRAEL GOVT. GO ON 24-HOUR STRIKE

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Doctors, teachers and other professionals employed by the government and public went on a 24-hour strike throughout Israel today to underline their demands for an immediate increase in salary. A Cabinet spokesman, meanwhile, announced that the government would stick by its decision not to act on the wage demands until August and that "no government" could take any other action only a week before national elections.

Skeleton staffs remained on duty in hospitals and clinics maintained by the government, the Histadrut medical network, the Hadassah-supported medical program and the medical facilities of various municipalities. These staffs will care for emergency cases only.

The doctors, who together with university teaching staffs, set off the national wage rise demands of the professionals, have been joined by lawyers, engineers, architects, dentists and veterinarians. Top administrative civil servants, however, have not joined the stoppage.

## ISRAEL AND SOVIET UNION REACH ACCORD ON SHIPPING; EXCHANGE NOTES

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Israel and the Soviet Union have exchanged notes which constitute a shipping agreement between the two states, it was announced here today. The notes were exchanged by the Soviet Foreign Ministry and Col. Yosef Avidar, Israel Ambassador in Moscow.

The accord provides for preferential treatment for each others shipping in such matters as port and dock charges and various other aspects of shipping between the two countries. Israel ships a great quantity of citrus fruit, usually through the port of Odessa, and Soviet tankers deliver crude oil to Haifa.

## AUTHOR OF SOVIET STATEMENT ON JEWS WILL BE IDENTIFIED, JTA TOLD

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Soviet delegation to the United Nations told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the statement on Jewish religious life in the Soviet Union distributed by the delegation was authorized in Moscow, but that the delegation had no details as to the identity of M. Rabinovich, who signed the statement.

The spokesman assured the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he would make inquiries as to the position held by Mr. Rabinovich and would then be in a position to give the JTA information about him. No Jew of importance in the USSR by the name of M. Rabinovich is known in the United States.

## EDEN ASKED TO RAISE QUESTION OF "IRON CURTAIN" JEWS AT GENEVA PARLEY

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden has been asked by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to raise the question of the isolation of the Jews of Eastern Europe from the rest of world Jewry at the "summit" conference of the Big Four which opened at Geneva today. This was revealed here last night by Barnett Janner, president of the Board, at a meeting of the organization.

Mr. Janner disclosed that the Board had pointed out to the Prime Minister the hardships involved in the virtual embargo on Jews leaving the Communist countries. Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Eastern Europe have been cut off from other members of their families in countries outside the Soviet bloc. The arrangement of facilities for exchanging visits and for the reunification of families would ease a human problem as well as contribute to the abatement of tension, the Board told Sir Anthony.

## ISRAEL DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON CONFER WITH U. S. ON ECONOMIC AID

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Minister Plenipotentiary Reuven Shiloah and Economic Minister Meir Sherman called this weekend on John Hollister, who succeeded Harold Stassen as head of the Foreign Operations Administration, to discuss the American aid program for Israel.

They conferred on the economic and political aspects of the aid program and on the future course of the program in this next fiscal year.

## ISRAEL PREMIER PRESENTS GIFT TO GOVERNOR HARRIMAN IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett presented Gov. Averill Harriman of New York today with a souvenir photograph album bound between hand-beaten copper plates depicting various aspects of Israel life. Gov. Harriman arrived in Israel yesterday for a short visit and tour of the country.

## SOCIALIST CONGRESS URGES ISRAEL AND ARABS TO NEGOTIATE PEACE

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the negotiation of a peace settlement between Israel and the Arab states was adopted here today at the concluding session of the International Socialist Congress. The resolution said that such a settlement "would open the way to fruitful cooperation to the benefit of all." It added that "the new State of Israel represents a new ferment and a progressive, democratic approach to the problems of the important Middle East region."

An American delegate, speaking on the resolution, said it was "unfair" to blame Israel for the plight of the Arab refugees. This is a United Nations responsibility, he insisted, and Israel cannot be expected to admit elements whose aim is to destroy the state.

Reuven Barkatt, Israel delegate to the Congress, sharply denounced a speech by Dr. Edith Summerskill, chairman of the British Labor Party. Her speech also brought forth a statement by Morgan Phillips, chairman of the Congress, designed to remedy the impression left by her remarks.

### British Labor Party Leader Takes Pro-Arab Stand

Referring to her visit to Jordan and Israel this year, Dr. Summerskill opened a discussion on Asia and Africa by speaking of the bitterness she found among Arabs because of the plight of the Arab refugees from Israel. There were two steps which should be taken immediately, she advised the Israel Government. The first was that Arabs who left property in Israel should either be allowed to return or be compensated. The second, according to Dr. Summerskill, was that the demarcation lines, which were too hastily drawn should be revised immediately.

Dr. Summerskill said that Israel's representatives spoke of peace, but the way to prepare for peace was to settle legitimate grievances. "I hold no brief for the reactionary Arab governments," the Labor Party head asserted, "but I say to Israel, 'You're giving those reactionary governments the very weapons they need against their own people.'"

Mr. Barkatt, replying to her address, said that his delegation had been more than surprised to hear the Arab case put in so able, one-sided and biased a way by the chairman of the British Labor Party and said he was pleased to know that Dr. Summerskill had spoken in a purely personal capacity. He asked if she had forgotten who declared war, who was determined to exterminate Israel, who had really created the refugee problem and who had opposed the United Nations resolutions. He also asked whether Dr. Summerskill's speech was an example of the British tradition of fairness and impartiality.

Mr. Phillips said that describing the present misery of Arab conditions could not affect the attitude of the Labor Party toward Israel and the Mapai, which was one of the greatest admiration and respect for the advances made by Israel under the leadership of the Mapai. The Laborites, he said, wished Mapai every success in the forthcoming national elections. He then proposed, and the Congress agreed without dissent, to send a message of good wishes and solidarity in the coming electoral struggle to the Mapai.

### JEWISH LEADERS IN BRITAIN ALERTED ON ATTEMPT TO BAN SHECHITA

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- A renewed and more vigorous attempt to ban shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter, is under way in England today, Elsley Zeitlyn, chairman of the shechita committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told a meeting of the board last night. He said that Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had joined the campaign, which supports the introduction of the Crouch anti-shechita bill, killed in the last Parliament, but which will probably come before the House of Commons this session.

Mr. Zeitlyn said that in the past "certain measures of respect" had been shown for Jewish religious feeling, but now that had disappeared. The Jews were being told that they must be content with the ordinary practice of slaughtering that is common in the community. The campaign, he continued, is not only "an insult to the Jewish religion" but also an "indictment of the Jew in his capacity of a human being."

This new threat must be met by the whole community, he said, revealing that he planned a tour of the country to confer with various communities to discuss the problem with them. Of the MP's approached for their views on the Crouch bill to ban shechita, Mr. Zeitlyn revealed, 163 had given responses favorable to the Jews, 19 had not replied, 88 were non-committal and seven were "definitely against us."

## NETHERLANDS QUEEN RECEIVES PRESIDENT OF U.S. SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

THE HAGUE, July 18. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana received Dr. Norman Salit, president of the Synagogue Council of America, in a private audience here today. The Council represents Orthodox, Reform and Conservative synagogues in the United States.

During the audience, Dr. Salit presented the Queen with a framed citation from the Council expressing the gratitude of the Jews to the Dutch people for the assistance they gave the Jews during the late war and the Nazi occupation. The Queen, after accepting the citation, ordered that it be displayed in the Amsterdam City Hall.

## N. Y. STATE PROBATION COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER BIAS CHARGES

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- The New York State Probation Commission will re-examine its advisory opinion that the Children's Courts are violating the State Anti-Discrimination Law by appointing probation officers from separate Catholic, Protestant and Jewish lists, it was revealed here yesterday by Leonard Probst, the only Jewish commissioner.

The original complaint of violation of the anti-discrimination statute was filed by the American Jewish Congress before the Domestic Relations Court, of which the Children's Court is a section. A rehearing by the probation commission has been requested by the Catholic Charities and the Welfare and Health Council of New York.

Judge John W. Hill, Presiding Justice of the Domestic Relations Court, who asked for the probation commission's advisory opinion did not, however, accept it. He said that 50 percent of the children in the courts were Catholic, 45 percent were Protestant and only five percent were Jewish, and that good results had been obtained when probation officers of the same faith as the children were assigned to work on these cases.

## JULIUS KLEIN PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL; GOES TO ARMY RESERVE

CHICAGO, July 18. (JTA) -- Brig. General Julius Klein, who after World War II commanded the 109th AAA Brigade ING, the only Illinois National Guard unit to see active service in Korea, retired from the Illinois National Guard today after his promotion to Major General of the Line (Ret.)

Gen. Klein held an active Federal post as Brigadier General of the Line through commission in the Illinois National Guard for several years. Upon his retirement from the Illinois National Guard by present Department of Army regulations, he is automatically transferred to the Organized Reserve and directed to report to the Commander of the Illinois Military District for assignment.

Gen. Klein started many years ago as a private in the National Guard and had an outstanding World War II combat record in the Pacific where he served under General Douglas MacArthur and Admirals Halsey and Nimitz. He commanded 10,000 troops in the Pacific. He has been the recipient of many decorations and citations, including the Soldier's Medal for heroism, Legion of Merit with clusters, Philippine Distinguished Service Star, French Legion of Honor, and others.

## TWO JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN NEW YORK BY VANDALS

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- Two Jewish cemeteries in this city were invaded by vandals yesterday who overturned and destroyed headstones. Officials of the cemeteries estimated the total damage at about \$1,000.

The cemeteries, both in the Glendale section of Queens, are operated by two different synagogues: Congregation Rodeph Shalom and Temple Emanu-El.

## ABRAHAM MELTZER NAMED ISRAEL HONORARY CONSUL IN COSTA RICA

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Abraham Meltzer, representative of the Latin American Department of the Jewish Agency in Costa Rica, has been named Israel honorary consul in that country, it was announced today. Mr. Meltzer, a civil engineer, was born in Warsaw and studied at Stanford University in California.

## PILGRIMAGE TO JABOTINSKY'S GRAVE MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jews visited today the grave of Vladimir Jabotinsky, Revisionist leader, at the New Montefiore Cemetery here. The pilgrimage was organized by the United Zionists-Revisionist Organization of America to mark the 15th anniversary tomorrow of the death of Jabotinsky.