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## BERLIN AGREES TO PAY \$3,500,000 IN SETTLEMENT OF JEWISH CLAIMS

BERLIN, July 21. (JTA) -- The West Berlin city administration tentatively agreed today to pay nearly \$3,500,000 to two Jewish successor organizations in a global settlement for claims for heirless and communal Jewish property seized by the Nazis in what now constitutes the three Western sectors of this city.

The agreement, which still has not been signed and must first be studied and approved by the city's parliament, was reached after many years of wearisome negotiations in which Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, intervened on several occasions.

The arrangement provides that Berlin will pay out \$239,000 in cash to the successor organizations--the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, set up in the United States, and the Jewish Trust Corporation, organized in Britain. In addition, industrial products worth \$3,200,000 will be shipped to Israel by the Berlin municipality through the Israel Purchasing Mission. The Israel Government will refund the value of the goods to the two successor groups, probably over a period of two years.

In return, the Jewish groups will cede all claims for the property of Jewish victims of the Nazis who died heirless and communal property, excluding certain endowed property such as real estate formerly owned by the E'nai B'rith. The city will recover its money from present possessors of "Aryanized" property.

The actual claims of the two successor organizations amount to many times more than the amount of the settlement, but pressing each individual claim in court is a laborious and costly proposition. Besides, once the real estate is recovered it is difficult to find a market for it owing to Berlin's isolated political and geographic position.

Once the agreement is signed, the JRSO will be able to wind up its operations in West Berlin. This agreement will be the last concluded by the JRSO with local states in the American zone of West Germany.

## STASSEN OPTIMISTIC ON ISRAEL; TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- The prediction that economic conditions in Israel will become normal in five years was made before a Senate committee here by Harold Stassen, former director of the now defunct Foreign Operations Administration which distributed American economic aid to Israel.

"I think the great determination of their people and their resourcefulness, and their intelligence is such that Israel will make a go of it and be on their feet in another five years," Mr. Stassen said, testifying before the Senate Appropriations Committee on the foreign aid bill.

In his testimony, released today, Mr. Stassen, who is now Special Assistant to the President on disarmament, cited Israel's economic progress over the years. He said that American economic aid to Israel used to be approximately 70 million dollars a year, but the amount has been tapered down as "they (Israel) get on their feet."

Senator Allen Joseph Ellender, Louisiana Democrat, questioned why Israel is allotted so much money when it receives funds apart from that in the bill from the U.S. Mr. Stassen replied: "Israel maintains a different standard of living, and it has been mostly people who have come in from Europe or have been fleeing from persecution and even murder in other parts of the world, so you have a different kind of a situation." He stressed that Eric Johnston's water development plan for the Jordan River is the "best hope" for a "better situation between Israel and the Arab states."

Sen. Ellender reviewed his impressions of the Middle East gained during a recent trip. He termed the Arab-Israel situation "the most explosive in the world, in my humble judgment, almost as bad as Russia." He said, "It is my honest belief that this matter will never be settled unless some of these Arabs go back to Israel."

The Louisiana Senator called for a re-evaluation of the Arab refugee problem. He said that in Jordan there are over 460,000 refugees. "The little sum of 65 million dollars that is being appropriated here, plus what is contributed by the UN, gives to each person there about \$20 per year to furnish a diet of about 1,100 calories a day." He said the refugee problem is "very explosive" and a "firm effort" should be made to settle that issue this year if possible.

Senator Everett Dirksen, Illinois Republican, recommended the settlement of Arab refugees in Iraq, because it is an underpopulated country. He said Lebanon will not issue work permits to the refugees and will not admit them to citizenship.

Senator Dirksen said refugee's children are being born at the rate of 25,000 a year; 60 percent of the Arab refugees are now under 16 years of age, he stated. "The refugee problem is going to blow us out of the water unless it is solved." He said, "it occurs to me that somewhere along the line we are going to have to dump a little more money in this thing in the hope that some of them can be absorbed in Iraq."

#### ISRAEL REACHES "ORAL AGREEMENT" WITH EGYPT; SEEKS JORDAN PACT

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- Extension of a local commanders agreement between Israel and Jordan in the Jerusalem area was discussed here today and the negotiators will get down to specific proposals at a meeting scheduled for next week, it was announced this afternoon. This follows a meeting on the Gaza frontier yesterday at which Israel and Egyptian negotiators came to an "oral agreement" on details of a local commanders pact.

At today's session here, the Israel and Jordan negotiators exchanged drafts of a new commanders pact. The present Israel-Jordan commanders agreement covers only the Jerusalem area, but the extension will, if accepted, cover the entire demarcation line between the two states, the largest border between Israel and any of the four neighbor Arab states. Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, will chair the next meeting. (Burns was today renamed truce chief for another year.)

At the Gaza session yesterday, where Gen. Burns also presided, it was officially stated that "progress in drafting clauses regarding representation and communications" was made on the local commanders agreement. There was, however, a divergence between the Egyptian written draft of the document and the "oral agreement." The "oral agreement" is interpreted in two different ways, with Gen. Burns and the Israel delegate on one side, and the Egyptian delegate on the other.

(The New York Times reports from Gaza today that eleven of 14 clauses in the draft local commanders agreement are settled, with only three clauses still to be agreed upon. These three, the dispatch says, deal with the degree of UN participation in the operations of the local commanders agreement, and with the level on which the pact will be signed. The Israelis are represented as wanting it signed on high political levels and the Egyptians are reported to be opposed, preferring signature on an operational level.)

Meanwhile, Israel objected to an Egyptian charge that Israel did not want the UN involved in the pact. On the contrary, the Israel delegate insisted, "we want them, they help us settle disputes." Gen. Burns was optimistic at the end of yesterday's session. However, he refused to guess when a pact would be reached. The meetings at Gaza were recessed until next Wednesday.

#### JEWISH CONGRESS SUBMITS STATEMENT TO "BIG FOUR" AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, July 21. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress submitted a statement today to the heads of the Big Four powers currently meeting here pointing out that the cold war has created a gulf between the Jewish communities of the Western world and those of the Communist countries.

The memorandum to the Big Four emphasized that the WJC was not at this time submitting specific proposals for solving Jewish problems created by the cold war. "When, as we profoundly hope, the opportunity has been created by the work of the Geneva conference we shall, as an independent international organization, present proposals designed to ensure for Jewish communities everywhere the same rights and opportunities accorded others to maintain and develop their distinctive life and traditions," the WJC statement said.

#### 300 ISRAELI YOUTHS TO ATTEND FESTIVAL IN POLAND; SPLIT ON SLOGANS

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- Some 300 Israel young men and women affiliated with leftist youth organizations will attend an International Youth Festival in Poland next month, it was learned here today with the departure of the first group of 150. The remainder will follow within a few days. The Communists youths could not agree with the Mapam and Leachduth Avodah youths on common political slogans.

## JEWISH GROUPS SEEK BAN OF FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOLS PRACTICING BIAS

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans Organization, the central Jewish religious bodies and 31 of the local Jewish Community Councils -- which together comprise the National Community Relations Advisory Council -- today addressed identical letters to the Majority and Minority Leaders in the House and Senate urging prompt enactment in this session of Congress of "an adequate housing measure" and a bill to provide Federal funds to aid medical schools.

At the same time, the Jewish organizations urged the inclusion of a provision which would bar such Federal aid to housing projects or medical schools which practice segregation or other forms of discrimination. "Such a provision by way of amendment can in no sense be regarded as extraneous," the Jewish groups pointed out. "Absence of such a guarantee in a housing bill would directly foster and finance racial discrimination. This would be unthinkable in light of the basic protection against such inequality to which the American people are entitled."

Bernard H. Trager of Bridgeport, chairman of the NCRAC, writing in behalf of the organizations, urged the members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare "to vote approval of these bills in committee and that they be amended to insure that admission to the facilities to be aided will not be limited because of race, religion or national origin." He drew attention to the fact that "the necessity for including such an anti-discrimination provision is highlighted by the overwhelming evidence that many of the nation's medical schools do discriminate."

Commenting on the action of the NCRAC agencies which subscribed to the letter on the housing bill, Lewis H. Weinstein of Boston, chairman of the NCRAC Committee on Discrimination in Housing, underscored the statement contained in the letter that such an anti-discrimination amendment to the housing bill is necessary because all efforts to enact civil rights legislation have thus far been effectively thwarted by the rules of the Senate which permit unlimited debate and filibustering. He stated "if the amended housing bill should be defeated, the blame would rest with those who vote against the measure and not with those who favor the inclusion of an anti-segregation provision in keeping with American democratic professions."

Milton I. Goldstein, chairman of the NCRAC Committee on Discrimination in Educational Institutions, in his comment, said that it is most regrettable that quota system practice in many of the privately owned medical schools in the country make necessary the inclusion of an anti-discrimination provision in Federal legislation to provide much needed governmental financial assistance to these institutions. "It would be unthinkable," he said, "for the United States Congress to make such funds available to medical schools without at the same time making sure that such Federal funds will not be used to promote racial, religious or nationality discrimination."

## BRITISH JEWS MOBILIZE EFFORTS TO COMBAT ANTI-SHECHITA MOVEMENT

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- Mobilizing all possible efforts to combat the movement currently developing in England to enact anti-shechita legislation, the Board of Deputies of British Jews today issued a pamphlet reviewing similar movements in other countries.

"The chemistry of anti-shechita legislation," the pamphlet points out, "is a compound of ignorance of psychological phenomena, intolerance of minority rights, exploited sentimentalities, and anti-Semitism." The author of the pamphlet is Elsley Zeitlyn, chairman of the shechita committee of the Board of Deputies.

Agitation for anti-shechita legislation in modern times, according to the pamphlet, first arose in Saxony, Germany. It was prohibited there by ministerial decree in 1892, but the prohibition was repealed in 1910, when the medical faculty of Dresden University declared shechita was not inhumane. In September, 1930, the veterinary department of the Health Council of the German Reich declared the Jewish method of slaughter "carefully carried out as it is, cannot be described as cruelty to animals and this view remains unaltered." Mr. Zeitlyn notes that "it was left to Hitler to illumine the denunciation of the Hebrew prophet that 'They who kiss calves, sacrifice men.' During the Nazi regime, shechita was prohibited throughout Germany."

In Norway, the pamphlet points out, the anti-shechita movement was fostered by the Nazis and promoted by a traitor with pro-Nazi leanings, Jens Hunseid. In Switzerland, agitation arose about 1890 and in 1893 a plebiscite prohibited shechita by a vote of 178,844 to 115,931. The total poll was only 47 percent of the population and the majority for prohibition was found in cantons inhabited by German Protestants.

## SENATE BODY SEEKS AGREEMENT ON BILL TO SPEED REFUGEE IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- Agreement on a bill to speed immigration under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act was again sought today at a special meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Chairman Harley M. Kilgore said he was hopeful the committee could agree on a bill that would win bi-partisan support.

Meanwhile, Senator William Langer, chairman of the subcommittee on refugees, escapees, and expellees, said today that he is "not so sure" that Scott McLeod, administrator of the program, "was doing everything he possibly could." He warned that if immigrant visas continue to be issued at the present rate, the program will not be completed by next year. Pointing out that under the Refugee Act 214,000 immigrant visas are to be issued, he said that act has been in operation for two years and only 39,369 visas have been issued, which leaves a balance of 174,131 visas to be issued during a one year period.

## VICE PRESIDENT NIXON RECEIVES ISRAEL BOY SCOUT DELEGATION

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- The first delegation of Israel Boy Scouts to visit the U. S. arrived here today for a three-day visit to the Capital. They were received by Vice President Nixon.

The nine-man delegation is touring various Scout camps in the U. S. prior to a visit to Canada, where they will participate in the eighth World Scout Jamboree, to be held in Ontario. Israel is the youngest member state within the International Bureau of Boy Scouts, and this will be the first time it will be represented at a World Jamboree. Two members of the Scout delegation are Israel Arabs, representing respectively the Israel Catholic Scout Association and the Israel Arab Scout Association.

## \$1,563,279 RAISED IN CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism raised a total of \$1,563,279 during the year ending July 1 to meet the maintenance needs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, it was announced today by Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, of Chicago, general chairman of the nationwide drive for Reform Jewish institutions.

Dr. Hollender noted that the total of \$1,563,279 for 1954-55 represented an increase of \$119,679 over what was realized last year for the maintenance needs of the national religious institutions of American Reform Judaism. He pointed out the Combined Campaign also raised \$137,232 additional in cash during this same period towards the liquidation of \$400,000 in bank and other debts incurred by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion over a period of years.

## JEWISH PHILANTHROPISTS ESTABLISH CHAIR AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass. July 21. (JTA) -- Establishment of a Chair in Human Relations at Brandeis University in memory of the late Atlanta communal leader I. M. Weinstein was announced today by University officials. The chair was made possible by a grant to the University by A. J. Weinberg and Joseph Jacobs, Jewish philanthropists of Atlanta, Ga.

"The Weinstein Chair in Human Relations is a fitting memorial to the late I. M. Weinstein who for many years has been a beloved figure in communal and philanthropic activities in Atlanta," Dr. Sachar, president of Brandeis University declared. "This new chair will enable the University to stimulate objective research and instruction in a most important area of study."

## D. HURWITZ NAMED EXECUTIVE HEAD OF PHILADELPHIA JEWISH APPEAL

PHILADELPHIA, July 21. (JTA) -- Donald B. Hurwitz, executive director of the Combined Jewish Appeal and Federation of Jewish Community Services in Montreal, Canada, was named today executive director of Philadelphia's Allied Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Charities.

He succeeds Ephraim R. Gomberg, who resigned recently as head of the Allied Appeal, and Miss Frances N. Harrison, whose retirement as executive director of the Federation of Jewish Charities was announced last month. He becomes the first official to hold the combined post since Dr. Kurt Peiser, who left Philadelphia in 1949 to accept a post as executive vice president of the University of Pennsylvania.

## RELIGIOUS CEREMONY MARKS OPENING OF HADASSAH'S NEW HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Members of the national board of Hadassah, coming from all parts of the country, attended today their first meeting in the new Hadassah building here, after a religious ceremony conducted by Rabbi de Sola Pool.