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GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO MEET WITH GOLDMANN ON COMPENSATION PAYMENTS

JERUSALEM, May 14, (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann announced here today that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany will convene in Bonn on June 18 a conference of the premiers and finance ministers of all states in the West German Republic to discuss with Dr. Goldmann and reparations experts means of speeding up individual compensation payments.

Dr. Goldmann, speaking at a press conference, said that Dr. Adenauer's decision to run for the presidency of West Germany would not affect reparations payments to Israel. He pointed out that not reparations, but individual compensation payments, was the main problem and that the latter issue had no connection with the question of Chancellor Adenauer's political decision.

Dr. Goldmann disclosed that the pace of compensation payments was such that it might take another ten years to complete them while the payments law stipulated that all payments were due within the coming four years. He said he hoped the June 18 conference would remedy the lag.

The world Zionist leader also disclosed that a meeting was scheduled in Jerusalem with Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, and other Jewish leaders for discussion of a proposal to call a world conference on Jewish education in the Diaspora.

Largest U.S. Jewish Group to Join Zionist Movement, Goldmann Reports

There is a possibility, he stated, that within a few months one of the largest American Jewish organizations will join the organized Zionist movement. He said negotiations were continuing, not on principle but on organizational arrangements because the organization wished to avoid the need of electioneering into the World Zionist Congress and also wants a permanently fixed number of seats in the World Zionist Congress and the Zionist Organization constitution committee. Dr. Goldmann added he was hopeful such a change could be approved.

He said if the organization, the name of which he withheld, did join, it would represent the most important development on the American Jewish scene. Such a joining, he added, might open the door to negotiations with other Jewish mass organizations, which are now pro-Israel but not affiliated with the Zionist movement, also to join.

Reviewing the program of the World Jewish Congress convention, opening August 2 in Stockholm with an expected attendance of 300 delegates from 40 countries, he said delegates were expected from Hungary and Poland, and --he hoped-- from Rumania, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. He reported that delegates had been invited from ten Soviet Jewish communities.

He said four world-famous Jewish scientists had been invited to lecture at the symposium on atoms for peace or destruction at the Stockholm convention. He reported that Dr. Isidor Rabi of the United States and Dr. Amos de Shalit of Israel had accepted. He said participation of Dr. Niels Bohr, whom he called the greatest living atomic scientist, depended on his health and the participation of a "great Soviet Jewish scientist," whom he did not name, depended on Soviet Union permission.

Dr. Goldmann stated that it was understood that Soviet leaders still were discussing whether to permit Soviet Jewish delegate participation and that Soviet diplomats in Western capitals were believed urging Moscow to give such permission.

Plans to Move W. J. C. Headquarters from New York to Geneva

A second subject of the Stockholm gathering will be cultural pluralism, he said, adding that invitations for this session had been sent mainly to non-Jewish lecturers, including a "great liberal leader from America," a French leader, a Polish expert who was expected to discuss ethnic minorities in Socialist countries, a North African Moslem scholar to discuss the status of minorities under Islam. The world Zionist leader said Dr. Martin Buber would participate if his health permitted.

Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister, and Dr. Salo W. Baron of Columbia University of New York will speak on the subject of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora. He

added that reorganization of the World Jewish Congress would also be an important convention topic. This will include a discussion of plans to transfer a major part of the World Jewish Congress headquarters from New York City to Geneva.

Discussing the problems of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Goldmann reported that the "Presidents' Club," which was recently constituted as a permanent "Presidents' Committee" under Mr. Klutznick's chairmanship, had been invited to become the official advisory committee of the Jewish Agency. Dr. Goldmann called this the first step to widen the Jewish Agency to include non-Zionist organizations.

Commenting on Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's reply to World War II veterans on the possibilities of Jewish migration from the Soviet Union, Dr. Goldmann said that the content of the Soviet Premier's remarks was welcome but not new. He added he hoped that when the Soviet leader said "future" in reference to such possibilities, the Soviet leader meant the near future.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER VISITS ISRAEL PAVILION AT U.S. WORLD FAIR

NEW YORK, MAY 14. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today visited the Israel pavilion at the United States World Trade Fair, at the Coliseum, here, expressed great admiration for the Israel exhibit, accepted an illustrated Hebrew Bible printed in Jerusalem and posed for photographs with a group of Israelis.

Coming into the Israeli exhibit a few minutes after his arrival at the Coliseum, Mr. Eisenhower was greeted by Israel's retiring Ambassador, Abba Eban who, in turn, presented to the President the other members of the official Israeli group. These were Economic Minister Ariele Manor; Consul-General Simcha Pratt; Nathan Raviv, Israeli trade commissioner here; and Joseph Pollack, director of the Israel pavilion.

Mr. Eban then introduced Mrs. Frances Raviv, wife of the trade commissioner, and together they presented to Mr. Eisenhower the Bible, printed in Hebrew, at Jerusalem. The Bible, bound in parchment, decorated in silver, bore a plaque reading: "Presented to Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, in respectful tribute by the people of Israel."

Mr. Eisenhower asked Mr. Eban whether the Bible was printed only in Hebrew, saying: "I don't think I'll live long enough to study Hebrew." The Ambassador assured the President that the Bible contained also an English translation. He told the President: "Israel, as you see, exports many products, but the most important thing that came out of Israel is the Bible -- and that is what we are presenting to you."

RUMANIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL SEEK RESUMPTION OF EMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, MAY 14 (JTA) -- A deputation of Rumanian settlers met today with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister and pleaded for maximum efforts to effect re-union of families members of which were still in Rumania.

They cited many cases of mothers and fathers of recent arrivals in Israel remaining in Rumania as well as infants and teen-age children. They mentioned cases of separations which have lasted as long as nine years.

Mrs. Meir pledged the fullest assistance and expressed the hope that Rumania, which had formally cited humanitarian reasons for the recent Jewish departures from that country, would permit resumption of emigration soon.

ARAB LEAGUE TO MEET ON JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM EAST EUROPE TO ISRAEL

LONDON, MAY 14, (JTA) -- Jordan has accepted an invitation from the Arab League Council for a call for a meeting of Arab leaders on the question of Eastern European emigration of Jews to Israel, according to dispatches received here today from Jordan's capital of Amman.

A statement by Jordan's new prime minister, Hazzar Majali, declared, according to the Amman reports, that King Hussein will be willing to attend a meeting of Arab heads of state to discuss "The Palestine Question," since he considers "the Palestine problem the first of all the Arab problems."

(At the United Nations it was observed that, once again, anti-Israelism is being employed in efforts to re-establish some form of unity among the disunited Arab states. Recently, when the Arab League called a meeting of the Arab foreign ministers, that session was boycotted by Jordan. This week, however, when ten Arab delegations presented a letter to the United Nations, complaining against immigration to Israel, Jordan was among the signers.)

JEWISH AGENCY BUDGET TO BE MAJOR TOPIC AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's budget for 1959-60 "will be the major topic at the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee," Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, Acting Chairman of the American Executive of the Jewish Agency, stated here today prior to her departure for Israel.

Another topic on the agenda of the Actions Committee meeting this month will be a series of proposed changes in the constitution of the World Zionist Organization in the light of the next World Zionist Congress. The Actions Committee is the ruling body of the World Zionist Organization between Congresses.

Mrs. Halprin pointed out that the Jewish Agency's responsibilities in Israel had been greatly increased by the arrival of some 30,000 additional immigrants during the past seven months. She noted that the total number of newcomers who had settled in Israel since the establishment of the State amounted to 936,912.

Mrs. Halprin expressed the hope that the United Jewish Appeal's current cash drive will enable the Jewish Agency to meet some of its most pressing obligations toward the rehabilitation of these post-statehood immigrants and make possible a sizeable reduction in the backlog of unmet needs which will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Halprin Pleads for Mutual Understanding Among Zionists

In another statement issued by Mrs. Halprin in the capacity of co-chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, she said that the Actions Committee can no longer evade taking a final position on such basic problems as: the reorganization of the World Zionist Organization and revision of its constitution; the establishment of Zionist federations; the bringing of non-Zionists closer to the work of the Zionist movement and, finally, the scope and composition of the next Zionist Congress.

"The reorganized, Diaspora-based World Confederation of General Zionists has devoted a number of meetings to these various problems," she pointed out. "Conferences of its regional branches in Europe and Latin America have also dealt with them. Prior to the Actions Committee sessions in Jerusalem, the World Confederation members of the Actions Committee will hold caucus meetings and will also confer with the Noy Committee to present the Confederation standpoint on the problems entrusted to that committee for study and recommendations."

"The issues are clear. Unless, however, the discussions are conducted and conclusions are reached in a spirit of harmony and mutual understanding at the Actions Committee, it is a foregone conclusion that the next Zionist Congress will fall short of its historic mission. It is up to all the participating bodies to avoid such an eventuality. The World Confederation of General Zionists will, for its part, approach its task in a spirit of responsibility, unconstrained by party limitations, and with a sincere desire to achieve the ultimate good for the world Zionist movement."

20,000 ATTEND "FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM" ARRANGED BY U. J. A. IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 14, (JTA) -- More than 20,000 volunteer workers for the United Jewish Appeal tonight attended the Festival of Freedom at Madison Square Garden here at which Mayor Robert Wagner conferred the Freedom of the City on Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

The guest speaker at the Festival of Freedom was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who expressed the audience's congratulations to the people of Israel on the eleventh anniversary of their independence. Dr. Silver described the establishment of the State of Israel as "one of the most significant break-throughs in Jewish history." He declared that "the years since the establishment of the State have been years of testing. A million refugees, for whom the rest of the world seemed to have no room, were given new homes and new hopes as the concentration camps of Europe were emptied and Jews from other lands of wretchedness and persecution were rescued."

Dr. Silver warned that "the State of Israel is not yet fully secure politically or economically self-sufficient. There are enemies who are hoping and waiting for its collapse. There are Jews from behind the Iron Curtain and from other parts of the world who are eagerly awaiting the moment when they can go to Israel. Governments under Arab pressure are interfering with emigration, but they cannot be permanently stopped."

Presiding at the Festival was Mr. Monroe Goldwater, president of the UJA of Greater New York. A special message from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel was presented to the guests at the Festival by General Yigael Yadin, celebrated Israel soldier and archaeologist. Mr. Ben Gurion paid tribute to the achievements of Ambassador Eban. Referring to Mr. Eban's plan to stand for election to the Knesset upon his return home, the Prime Minister said:

"It's my conviction that his integration into the political life of our country heralds many achievements no less great than those which he has accomplished as our representative abroad. I am certain that the strength which has sustained him in his foreign service will be with him in even greater measure at home."

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY AWARD GOES TO POET BEHIND THE "IRON CURTAIN"

JERUSALEM, May 14. (JTA) -- The 1959 Israel Independence Day literary awards included for the first time a prize to an author who writes from a country behind the Iron Curtain. The author, a Yiddish poet who writes under the pseudonym Y. Goleh, was voted the award for a poem "Massah Gog" -- the Burden of Gog -- which was published in a literary monthly in Israel.

The awards were announced last night at a ceremony at the Hebrew University by Zalman Arane, Minister of Education. The ceremony was preceded by a reception given by Mayor Gershon Agron. Goleh shared the poetry prize with Izhar Smilanski.

A prize for research in Islamic culture was awarded posthumously to the late Prof. Leo Meyer. Rabbi S.I. Zevin was honored for his work on the Talmudic Encyclopedia. Prof. Ephraim Katchalski and Dr. Michael Selah were awarded prizes in the natural sciences and Prof. Hillel Openheimer was honored for his research in citrus growing. Yosef Zaritski won the award for painting and sculpture and Actor Yeshoshua Bertanov for the theater.

Israel Independence Day Celebrated by Jews Throughout the World

VIENNA, May 14. (JTA) --- In a festive atmosphere, Vienna Jewry last night celebrated the eleventh anniversary of Israel's independence. Addresses were delivered by Emil Maurer, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Austria; and Jeheskiel Sahar, Israel Ambassador here.

BRUSSELS, May 14 (JTA) -- An open house reception by the Israel Embassy, attended by children of local Jewish schools and non-Jewish well-wishers and a formal reception attended by 400 guests, including Cabinet Ministers, High court justices, Catholic hierarchy leaders and others, marked the observance of Israel Independence Day here.

BOMBAY, May 14, (JTA) -- A mass rally was held here under auspices of the Bombay Zionist Association to celebrate Israel's Independence Day. The program featured a group of Indian and Israel songs and dances and greetings from dignitaries led by the Governor of Bombay expressing the hope of closer ties between the two countries.

SYDNEY, MAY 14, (JTA) --- An Israel Independence Day celebration was held in Sydney, attended by many Jews and non-Jewish notables. Broadcasts in Australia and New Zealand and services in the major synagogues also marked the event.

MELBOURNE, MAY 14, (JTA) -- An estimated 5,000 Melbourne Jews attended an Israel Independence Day celebration last night at the Olympic Swimming Stadium. The program, which was organized by the State Zionist Council of Victoria, included an address by Dr. Israel Goldstein, A merican Jewish leader.

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 14 (JTA) -- Israel's eleventh anniversary was celebrated at a brilliant party last night given by the Israel Embassy at the Union club last night. The event was attended by Chilean Government officials, diplomats and representatives of organization s.

BROIDY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MERGED LOS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION

LOS ANGELES, May 14. (JTA) -- Steve Broidy, veteran Jewish community leader, was elected president of the newly merged Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles at the organization's first meeting at the Beverly Hills Hotel. A Community Service Award was presented to Walter S. Hilborn, former Federation president and one of the founders of the Council, for his efforts on behalf of the merger.

The merged organization brings together 30 health, family, child care, recreation and community services to a local Jewish population estimated at 400,000. It also sponsors the annual United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign and works in cooperation with the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY REPORTS INCREASE IN BIBLE SALES

PHILADELPHIA, May 14. (JTA) -- Edwin Wolf 2nd, was re-elected president of the Jewish Publication Society at the 71st annual meeting of the Society held here.

In his report covering the year 1958, Mr. Wolf pointed out that membership enrollment in the JPS had shown a substantial increase during the year. Also that Bible sales increased during the year by 11%.