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### CONGRESS BODY DISCUSSES BILL ON COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Thaddeus M. Machrowicz, Michigan Democrat, today urged a House committee to approve new legislation that would use funds from frozen Nazi assets to pay compensation to victims of the Nazis.

The Congressman testified before the House War Claims Subcommittee on his bill. It provides for compensation to victims who are now American citizens or permanent residents whether or not they were during the war. At present, the only claims allowed are those from persons who were U.S. citizens during the war.

Rep. Machrowicz pointed out that many persons who suffered under the Nazis came to America as displaced persons after 1945.

### BRITAIN URGED IN COMMONS TO HELP ISRAEL SECURE PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ

LONDON, June 24. (JTA) -- The British Government was criticized in Parliament today for failing to take more vigorous action on behalf of Israel's right to freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal.

Aneurau Bevan, leader of the British Labor Party, who is often called the "Shadow Premier," asked that the Foreign Office inform the House as to which United Nations channels have taken up the question of Egypt's forbidding the passage of Israeli cargoes through the Suez Canal. David Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that the United Nations Secretary General himself was "actively engaged" in dealing with the problem.

"This is an exceedingly unsatisfactory situation," responded Mr. Bevan. "Didn't the Security Council declare that Egypt had no business, in peace or in war, to obstruct the passage of ships through the Suez Canal? Ought we not to take up the matter with very much more urgency, rather than to see this interference with Israeli shipping all the time?"

Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he thought that the important thing to do was to carry out those procedures which were most likely to bring about a result. The Israeli Government, he pointed out, had taken up this matter with the United Nations, and the Secretary General was leaving for Cairo shortly to pursue the matter.

"Isn't this a slow-moving business?" insisted Mr. Bevan. "Over and over again, we are having instances of this sort, and apparently we are able to bring no pressure at all on Egypt." Another Labor M. P., Sydney Silverman, asked whether it was not true that the Government's "inability to do anything effective" is the result of the Government's years-long policy regarding the Suez Canal.

"The Government," charged Mr. Silverman, "had failed to make any adequate representations during seven years when the Canal was closed to Israeli shipping. Are not the Egyptians likely, now, to refuse to take the Government very seriously, in view of their misconduct in the past?" The Minister of State merely reiterated: "I don't know about that. In any case, we are not taking any unilateral action."

Heathcot Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in Commons that the World Bank was still considering the question of a loan to the United Arab Republic for widening the Suez Canal but that no proposal for such a loan had as yet been presented to the bank's executive board. He said that when such a loan comes under active consideration, the British Government's position would be determined "in the light of all relevant factors prevailing at the time."

He made this statement in reply to a query from A. Lindsay, Conservative M. P., as to whether the British representative to the World Bank would be instructed to oppose a loan while the United Arab Republic was "defaulting" on its commitment to permit passage of shipping through the Canal to all nations.

Reports that negotiations are underway for an extradition treaty between Britain and Israel were confirmed today by a British Foreign Office spokesman. The present negotiations began soon after Britain received a request for the talks from Israel.

## JEWISH BODIES DISCUSS ERADICATION OF BIAS AT U. N. PARLEY IN GENEVA

GENEVA, June 24. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations from all continents are playing a very active role at the second United Nations Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in the Eradication of Prejudice and Discrimination, which is taking place here.

Among the 190 non-governmental organizations from all over the world are: the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, which represents the American Jewish Committee, the Anglo-Jewish Association, and Alliance Israelite Universelle; the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, representing B'nai B'rith, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and the South African Board of Jewish Deputies; the World Jewish Congress; Agudath Israel; the World OSE Union; the Women's International Zionist Organization; and the World Union of Jewish Students.

Today, Moses Moskowitz, of New York, secretary general of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, urged at the conference that the United Nations designate an "attorney general for Human Rights." The plan has been under consideration since 1950. Mr. Moskowitz also urged all non-governmental organizations to stand firm against all pressures which would tend to undermine the universality of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

On behalf of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig charged that "under current legislation in English-speaking countries, the spread of anti-Semitism is guaranteed by constitutional rights." He pleaded for "radical changes which would, however, still assure freedom of expression." As an example of this type of legislation, Dr. Perlzweig cited anti-racial discrimination legislation now pending in the Parliament of West Germany.

Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, asked the conference to seek means whereby non-governmental organizations would combat prejudice by influencing public education. Among the committees named by the conference is one on legal techniques, headed by Dr. Gerhard Riegner, of the World Jewish Congress.

One resolution before the conference calls for the creation of a world documentation center to collect and distribute contributions in the field of the fight against discrimination. The resolution also calls for a world meeting of specialists in this field. Jewish, Catholic and Protestant organizations are sponsoring this resolution, which would ask UNESCO to form such a documentation center.

## U. N. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSES REFUGEE SITUATION AT LONDON MEETING

LONDON, June 24. (JTA) -- Dr. August Lindt, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, described today as "terrible" the fact that there was in European refugee camps a third generation of refugees.

Speaking at an assembly for CORRA, the Combined Overseas Rehabilitation and Refugee Appeal, in the Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons, he asserted that the "misconception that a refugee was 'charity' should be fought. He said there were refugees who had changed the outlook of their host countries in many respects, both economically and culturally.

To accept refugees is "a lesson and not a burden," he declared, and cited one country, in an apparent reference to Rumania, where people had packed, surrendered their jobs, homes and everything and now were prevented from leaving. He said they, too, were in dire need of assistance.

The Marquess of Reading opened the address, and the Marquess of Landsdowne told the audience that the British Government had not been slow or niggardly in its refugee work. He reported that 80,000 refugees, mainly of Jewish origin, had come to Britain from Germany before the war, then 200,000 from Poland and 22,000 more came in 1956.

The Baroness Elliot of Harwood, said the principal fund-raisers were the voluntary organizations and that she felt that they would not disappoint Dr. Lindt in raising funds for CORRA. Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, in thanking Dr. Lindt, said that the Jewish people's "wonderful generosity and ready responsibility" was not only for Jewish sufferers but "for all people who are suffering at the present time."

## ISRAEL DELEGATION TO U. N. EXPLAINS NON-REPRESENTATION ON UNICEF

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 24. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israel delegation here today commented on the United Nations report showing that Israel, which has held membership on the executive board of the UN Children's Fund for eight years, is no longer represented on the board.

The spokesman emphasized that Israel had chosen this time not to run for any leading position in UNICEF. The new board, without Israel, will take office January 1, 1960.

MRS. HALPRIN REPORTS ON DECISION TO BRING NON-ZIONISTS INTO W. Z. O.

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The major decisions adopted at the recent session of the Zionist Action Committee in Jerusalem were reviewed here today by Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, who stressed that the deliberations had touched upon "important and sensitive issues."

Mrs. Halprin lauded the "open-minded spirit of moderation" which had prevailed during the debates on these issues. Referring to Dr. Nahum Goldmann's proposal to bring various groups into the World Zionist Organization, she said:

"There were many doubts and some differences of opinion with regard to this proposal. Yet, in the end, it was agreed that he should proceed to negotiate with these groups along the lines he had suggested. In considering the possible consequences of this move, let us remember that, though not organized for Zionist purposes, these groups have shown active interest in Israel in the past and it is understood that they must accept the Zionist program. Thus, it is not such much a matter of converting non-Zionists into Zionists, but of creating the organizational framework for common efforts towards a common goal.

"Such broadening of our organizational framework will result in broadening the base for any effort on behalf of Israel in the Diaspora," Mrs. Halprin continued. "It is for this reason that Dr. Goldmann's proposal was accepted by the Actions Committee. What the influence of this move will be in terms of the Zionist organization itself, only time can tell. I sincerely hope that it will serve to strengthen the movement as Dr. Goldmann believes it will."

Mrs. Halprin stressed that the Actions Committee had also given serious consideration to the problem of middle-class Aliya. "Our discussions centered not around slogans but around concrete problems which face the potential immigrant as he prepares for immigration and during the initial phases of his settlement in Israel," she declared. "Only such factual review of specific practical problems will lead to a more conducive atmosphere for Aliya. Immigration from the United States is not a matter of exhortation, but of improved facilities in the areas of capital transfer, housing, investment, and employment opportunities."

Declaring that the Actions Committee had dealt extensively with the problem of educational and cultural activities in the Diaspora, Mrs. Halprin said: "I was also happy to be able to report to the Actions Committee on the modest but steady progress of our cultural activities in the United States." Among such areas of progress, she noted the expansion of the day-school program, growing interest in the study of Hebrew evidenced by adults as well as young people, and intensified educational activities on the part of Jewish youth organizations throughout the United States.

With regard to the Jewish Agency's budget, one of the major items on the Actions Committee's agenda, Mrs. Halprin pointed out that although a number of changes had been made, more extensive revisions had to be postponed since the current budget had been in operation since April 1st of this year. However, much consideration was given to proposals for a far-reaching revision of the 1960-61 budget with a view to bringing expenditures closer into line with anticipated income. "I believe that by the fall of this year we shall have hammered out a new approach leading to a more realistic budget," she declared.

"During my stay in Israel, I was impressed by the growing atmosphere of confidence which seems to prevail everywhere," she stressed. "There is less tension, and conditions seem closer to normal than they have been in many years." She attributed these changes to "tangible signs of improvement in the economic sphere and increasingly friendly relations between Israel and some of the young nations of Asia and Africa." She stressed, however, that Israelis are well aware that despite economic gains they cannot yet shoulder the heavy burden of immigrant absorption without substantial assistance from the Diaspora.

Z. O. A. President Cites Achievements of Actions Committee

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The ten-day sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee, the ruling executive body of the World Zionist Organization, which just concluded its sessions in Jerusalem, were fruitful and constructive in terms of work accomplished, declared Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America upon his return from Israel.

Reporting on the outcome of the sessions, Mr. Redelheim pointed to the four main issues which were discussed and acted upon by the Actions Committee. He listed these as: 1. The adoption of a budget of IL 235,395,000 for the current year starting April 1; 2. The plans to broaden the Zionist movement by the affiliation of non-Zionist and Jewish groups and organizations; 3. The decision to convene the 25th World Zionist Congress in the summer, 1960, and to re-organize the basis of representation at the Congress. "These decisions will undoubtedly have a decisive impact on the future of the Zionist movement," he said.

## GOLDA MEIR GREETED IN BRAZIL; SIGNS CULTURAL EXCHANGE TREATY

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 24. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today signed a treaty of cultural exchange between Israel and Brazil. She arrived here yesterday from Caracas for a seven-day visit as the official guest of the Government of Brazil.

Mrs. Meir was greeted at Rio's international airfield by Foreign Minister Dr. Francisco Negrao de Lima, a personal representative of President Kubitschek, members of the Jewish community and a crowd of more than 1,000 individual Jews. Following an official state greeting, Mrs. Meir reviewed an honor guard while a military band played the Israel and Brazilian national anthems.

Mrs. Meir, whose visit was greeted by enthusiastic editorials throughout the Brazilian press, was guest of honor tonight at a special reception at the Brazilian Foreign Ministry.

## CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS DEBATES ESTABLISHMENT OF CODE

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., June 24. (JTA) -- Arguments for and against the establishment of a guide to Reform Jewish practice were advanced here tonight at the 70th annual national convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinical body of Reform Jewry. The 500 rabbis attending the convention also heard a presentation of a concept of divine relation, drawn from rabbinic sources.

Dr. Jakob J. Petuchowski of the Cincinnati faculty of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, seminary of Reform Judaism, told the rabbis "to seek to rediscover the occasions and ideas of group revelation," as at Sinai, as a precondition to meaningful discussion of "guides." In a century and half of religious life in America, reform Judaism has always operated without a binding code of religious practice as contrasted to Orthodoxy.

Maintaining that revelation has two meanings, 1. The individual religious experience of divine presence and 2. The profound religious experience of an entire group, expressed in laws, Dr. Petuchowski stressed the primacy of the group experiences. "What is it that makes the so-called Law of Moses any more divine than say, the Code of Hammurabi?" he asked. "It is here that we come to the community aspect of revelation as law from Heaven, in contrast to revelation as mere divine experience."

He admonished the convention to rediscover the source for a guide to modern Reform Jewish concepts of revelation. "The recovery of the revelatory occasion and idea, is that basis on which alone our deliberations on guides, and practice, can be meaningful," he said.

## DUBINSKY, POTOFSKY HONORED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Tribute was paid last night to two American trade union presidents by American and Israeli leaders at the Histadrut Humanitarian Award dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, sponsored by the National Committee for Labor Israel. The awards were presented to David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, for their efforts to "promote understanding between the people of the United States and the people of the State of Israel."

A thousand trade union, business, civic and Labor Zionist leaders attended the ceremony, at which Joseph Schlossberg, dean of the Jewish labor movement in this country and national chairman of the committee, presented bronze plaques, and silver-embossed copies of the Jerusalem Bible to the two winners. Principal speakers at the dinner were Minister Plenipotentiary Yaakov Herzog, Israeli Charge d'Affaires in Washington, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, and others.

## MENDEL FISHER HONORED BY AGENCIES RAISING FUNDS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Mendel N. Fisher was honored here today at a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel marking his 25th anniversary as executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America. Present at the luncheon were the senior officials of the Jewish Agency and major Zionist groups, Israel Government officials and senior executives of the various major fund-raising organizations for Israel. Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Jewish Agency, presided.

Tribute was paid to Mr. Fisher by Simcha Pratt, Consul General of Israel in New York, Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, representatives for the Western Hemisphere of the Government of Israel Treasury Department and Isidore Epstein, assistant secretary of the Jewish National Fund. In responding to the tributes, Mr. Fisher said that the progress made by the Jewish National Fund has been made possible by the support of the masses of the people and by the invaluable help of all of his colleagues who have a very great share in these achievements.