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BEN-GURION WEIGHS ANSWER TO NEW ARGENTINE NOTE ON "REPARATIONS"

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and members of his Government were reported today considering the answer to be given a new Argentine note, received here yesterday, asking Israel what the country intends to do in the line of "adequate reparations" for violation of Argentine sovereignty in the capture of Adolf Eichmann.

The note, delivered in Buenos Aires by the Foreign Ministry to Ambassador Arye Levavi of Israel, requested a reply to the Argentine note of June 8 demanding reparations. The new note did not repeat the original Argentine demand that Eichmann be returned to Argentina and that his captors be punished.

Informed sources said that Mr. Ben-Gurion, in his capacity as Acting Foreign Minister, would probably draft a letter repeating apologies Israel has already tendered and pointing out that Israel now considered the matter closed.

Hammar skjold Says Israel and Argentine Should Negotiate Agreement

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 30. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammar skjold said today that it was up to the Governments of Israel and Argentina to negotiate an agreement on the form of "adequate reparations" due Argentina from Israel under the Security Council resolution in the Eichmann case.

The resolution did not spell out the form of these reparations and the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and other members of the Council indicated their view that the resolution itself, plus the Israeli apology to Argentina, constituted "adequate reparations." Argentina did not accept this and made it clear that it expected something further from Israel.

Mr. Hammar skjold apparently agreed with this position. He told his press conference today that "The resolution was introduced by the Argentine delegate, and, for that reason, his word carries special weight in interpretation. There is scope for differences of views. My own interpretation was not a substantive one but procedural--that, when an issue has been left in this way, ambiguous, it is for the two parties concerned, in the spirit indicated by their wish to have friendly relations, to thrash it out between themselves, that is to say, to negotiate the issue and agree on what one party considers to be appropriate reparation and the other party considers it reasonable to give.

"This phrase," the Secretary General added, "handed it over to the Governments of Argentina and Israel. There is nothing in the United Nations which would indicate any specific solution to this problem--reparation for what was regarded as a kind of violation of national sovereignty. There are precedents in international law. But there is no precedent in United Nations law or in UN common law."

EXPERT SAYS 300 NAZI CAMP DOCTORS ARE ALIVE AND UNPUNISHED FOR CRIMES

TEL AVIV, June 30. (JTA) -- More than 300 German physicians who practiced medical experiments on Jewish and other prisoners in the Nazi concentration camps are still alive and unpunished, according to a man who is devoting his life to a study of Nazi crimes and criminals.

Mr. Mark Dwoerzecki, a professor at the American-sponsored Bar-Ilan University here, told a press conference today that Dr. Josef Mengele, whose extradition from Argentina is being sought by the West German Government, had the power of life or death over inmates at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Mengele, as camp physician, he said, decided who was to go to the gas chamber and who was to be sent out to slave labor. Mengele was also in charge of the "sadistic" experiments carried out by the Nazis on men, women and children among the prisoners.

Mengele disappeared from his residence in Buenos Aires about the time of the capture of Adolf Eichmann. The Argentine authorities have answered recent West German extradition requests by disclaiming knowledge of the Nazi's whereabouts.

ISRAEL FACES DRASTIC WATER-RATIONING BECAUSE OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Rationing of water will be implemented soon in Israel's southern half because the nation's water supply is approaching a "disastrous" low level on account of last winter's inadequate rainfall, the Israel Water Authority announced today.

The Yarkon River headwaters, main source of water for most of Israel's southern section, have already dropped to 8,000,000 cubic meters a month compared with the 11,000,000 meters normal for June.

Experts forecast a further drop to 6,000,000 meters in August, compared with a normal 10,000,000 and 4,000,000 instead of 9,000,000 meters in September, which is expected to be the most critical month. Farms will be ordered to cut irrigation by 12 to 17 percent, it was indicated.

Israel is suffering a double-pronged pressure. The shortage of rain, on the one hand, meant insufficient water for fields and orchards with a consequent earlier and heavier irrigation. On the other, both natural and artificial reservoirs did not fill up during the winter. This made impossible the supply of water required even during a normal year. Another dangerous side effect is the growing salination of springs in the coastal area.

ISRAEL TO EXPEND \$18 MILLION ON DEVELOPING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Communications Minister Yitzhak Ben-Aharon told the Israel Parliament today a special allocation of 33,000,000 pounds (\$18,300,000) would be used to develop Israel's transport system, including reconstruction of Lydda International Airport to adapt it to handle jetliners. He estimated the cost of this job at nearly \$10,000,000 and said the work would be completed early in 1961.

The rest of the development appropriation, the minister said, would go to railway improvements and port development.

Mr. Aharon told Parliament that El-Al Israel National Airlines had earned 47,000,000 pounds (\$26,100,000) last year -- a 31 percent increase over the previous year. Income from shipping, he said, rose 20 percent to 72,000,000 pounds (\$40,000,000). Railway passenger traffic had increased five percent in the year and freight handled, 10 percent.

GENERAL ZIONISTS DEFINE INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF ISRAELI, DIASPORA JEWS

ANTWERP, June 30. (JTA) -- The European conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists, which met here under the chairmanship of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, cf New York, drafted a statement defining its concept of the role of the Zionist movement and the relationship of the Jews of the world with the Jews of Israel.

The statement declared that the twofold mission of the State of Israel is to continue the maximum concentration of Jews within its territories and to serve as the national-spiritual center of world Jewry. This conception, it noted, called for "an organic relationship" between Israel and the Diaspora (the Jews outside Israel) as integral parts of one Jewish people.

"The Jews of Israel," it said, "have both the right and the duty to influence the Diaspora in shaping the development of Jewish life. It is equally the right and duty of Diaspora Jews to influence the Jewish community of Israel so that the State may fulfill the highest aspirations of the whole Jewish people."

The statement declared that "this is not intervention but fruitful cooperation and interaction in the interest of a common destiny."

Israeli News Briefs

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Nearly a half-million Israel schoolchildren downed pencils and books today to start their summer vacation.

HAIFA, June 30. (JTA) -- Ahmed Othmann, a native of Egypt, who was serving a term for espionage, was sentenced in district court here to a six-year prison term for leading the breakout at the Shatta prison three years ago.

HAMBURG, June 30. (JTA) -- A 22,000-ton freighter, christened the "Eilat," built for the Zim-Israel Navigation Company under the reparations agreement, was launched here today.

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- Thirty American college and university students sailed from New York today, aboard the S.S. Zion, to pursue a one-year study program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Seventeen basalt stones, hewn near Tiberias and polished to a glossy black, have been placed over the tomb of Theodor Herzl in Jerusalem to form a composite tombstone which will be officially unveiled July 15 during observance of the centenary of Herzl's birth.

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- The Kenyon archaeological expedition in the Jordan-held Old City of Jerusalem will carry out excavations in the razed Jewish quarter and not in the Wailing Wall area, it was established here today.

HAMMARSKJOLD WARNS PROBLEM REMAINS AT END OF REFUGEE YEAR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 30, (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold took formal note today of the end of World Refugee Year, proclaimed to ensure a concerted attack on the chronic refugee problem, and stressed that it must be regarded "as a beginning, not an end."

The Secretary General warned that "the refugee problem will be with us, I am afraid, forever unless the world turns more peaceful. For that reason it is good if we can solve the problems which have been with us for too long and have got rather stale, with all the sum of human suffering they have involved. But we should not believe that this is the end of the road. We must anticipate, as I said, continued needs, and for that reason we also must count on continued assistance."

Mr. Hammarskjold said that 77 countries and 11 territories had participated in World Refugee Year. Total pledges to date, he said, have been "satisfactory." He noted that several governments and private agencies intend to continue their efforts at least until the end of the year.

KATZ URGES JEWS TO MEET CHALLENGING DEMANDS OF JEWISH EDUCATION

PARIS, June 30, (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout the world were challenged today by Label A. Katz, B'nai B'rith president, to back up resolutions of the World Conference on Jewish Education "not by mere words but by acts."

Asserting that the funds expended for Jewish education by the American Jewish community, the largest and richest in the world, were inadequate, Mr. Katz told the delegates to the conference that this phase of Jewish life "merits a top priority in our budget. Mere resolutions are not enough. We must translate these resolutions into the language of action and implementation."

He said Jewish organizations and Jewish communities "must be equal to the challenging demands of Jewish education" and he warned that "if we fail in this historic task, we fail not only ourselves but future generations as well."

CASTRO DISMISSES ENRIQUE OLTUSKI, SOLE JEW IN CUBAN CABINET

HAVANA, June 30, (JTA) -- Enrique Oltuski, the only Jew ever to serve in a Cuban Cabinet, was replaced by the Castro regime today as Minister of Communications. Oltuski's resignation was announced by President Dorticos after a 13-hour cabinet session.

(Washington sources said that Oltuski had been removed from the Government presumably because he had not been "aggressive enough" in application of the Castro revolutionary principles.)

Oltuski, who is about 30, is the son of an Orthodox Jewish couple residing in Santa Clara where his father has a shoe factory. He is a graduate of the University of Miami and was an active figure in the Castro revolt against the Batista regime. He was named to the Cabinet in January, 1959.

PROPOSE CREATION OF CANADIAN NATIONAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE

MONTREAL, June 30, (JTA) -- The Archives and Research Committee of the Eastern Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress has decided to recommend to the organization's national executive creation of a National Cultural Institute in Canada, it was disclosed today.

The Institute would house the National Archives of Canadian Jewry, and a museum. The archives of the Canadian Jewish Congress has grown to such an extent as to require adequate housing facilities to enable full use of the material. The committee suggested that private sponsorship be sought to make possible creation of the Institute. The Committee also disclosed plans to establish a Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

World News Briefs

ROME, June 30, (JTA) -- Complaints were filed with the Italian Foreign Ministry today against the practice of Arab consular officials here in crossing out in passports of Italian nationals applying for visas to Arab countries passport validations for Israel.

HAMBURG, June 30, (JTA) -- The Research Center for the History of National Socialism will be reopened and resume its activities after a four-year lapse, it was disclosed today. The institute closed down in 1956 "due to a shortage of qualified staff."

LONDON, June 30, (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government has granted a special subsidy to the Prague Jewish community for restoration of the old Jewish cemetery, the Czechoslovak News Agency reported. It said the former Regina Palace Hotel at Marienbad in northern Bohemia will be converted into a home for aged Jews.

MEXICO CITY, June 30, (JTA) -- A new building to house the Mexican-Israel Cultural Institute was officially opened here today. The Minister of Education, Jaime Torres Bodet, Senator Moreno Sanchez, Israel Ambassador Mordechai Schneerson, senior Government officials and Jewish community leaders, attended the ceremonies.

TRUSTEES APPROVE UNIFICATION OF BOSTON FEDERATION AND COMBINED APPEAL

BOSTON, June 30. (JTA) -- Merger of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Boston with the Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, unifying the central budgeting and fund-raising agencies of the Boston Jewish Community, was approved last night by trustees of the two agencies. The recommendation will be presented for final ratification to the full memberships at the annual meetings of the organizations next September.

Lewis H. Weinstein, Boston attorney and past president of the Combined Jewish Appeal who served as chairman of the committee on merger created in 1955, told the trustees that the merger would eliminate "more than confusion" in the minds of Boston Jews about the areas of responsibility of each organization.

He said that the merger committee had learned that the existence of two groups created "needless misunderstanding on certain policy decisions, budgeting practices and relationships with suburban communities." He said it also made for duplication of membership on the boards of trustees and committees. He noted that nationally there had been a "steady trend to integrate federations with fund-raising organizations into a single central body responsible both for fund-raising and overall planning of domestic, overseas and Israeli philanthropic and organization needs."

Simon J. Helman, president of the AJP, and Louis P. Smith, president of the CJA, expressed their support of the principle of merger. Founded in 1895 as the Federation of Jewish Charities, the AJP served not only as the social planning and budgeting agency for Boston Jewish health, welfare, education and recreation agencies but also conducted its own fund-raising until 1940.

PHILADELPHIA CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE CONDUCTS MASS CONVERSION CEREMONY

PHILADELPHIA, June 30. (JTA) -- Beth Sholem Synagogue announced plans today for a new class of prospective converts to Judaism after 10 women and five men were accepted as converts in services at the Conservative synagogue. The new class will be started in the fall.

The 15 converts were received into the faith in the first such group ceremony in Philadelphia. A private ceremony was held first and then a public ritual followed. The ceremony included the ritual immersion of the converts in a pool in the synagogue. The five men had previously undergone ritual circumcision.

The group ranged in age from youths in their twenties to grandparents. Many of them were either married to Jews or planning such marriages. Others said they were attracted to Judaism because of its teachings.

The ceremony was conducted by Rabbis Morris V. Dembowitz and Morris S. Goodblatt. The two rabbis conducted an Institute of Judaism which the converts attended for 15 weeks of instruction. They were given Hebrew names in accordance with Jewish religious requirements and received certificates of admission to Judaism.

WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES RULE OPPONENTS HAVE RIGHT TO HECKLE ROCKWELL

WASHINGTON, June 30. (JTA) -- District of Columbia authorities ruled today that Jews and other anti-Nazis have a constitutional right to heckle George Lincoln Rockwell, fuhrer of the American Nazi Party, at anti-Semitic rallies held here in public areas. The District dropped charges against Larry Selinker, 22-year-old Brandeis University graduate who was arrested for "loud talking" during an anti-Semitic harangue by Rockwell in a public park.

Chester Gray, Chief Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia, ruled that Selinker "was just exercising his constitutional right to free speech."

Maurice Friedman, who represented Selinker, expressed hope this case "will help clarify the confusion over freedom of speech which has enabled Rockwell's Nazi gang to exploit and abuse the First Amendment in a manner never intended by the founding fathers. He said it was "deplorable that charges were brought in this case at all." He noted that the charges indicated "a double standard in which First Amendment free speech rights were freely accorded to Rockwell but denied my client who was subjected to arrest."

In a related development, the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith asked Secretary of Interior Seaton to order the arrest of Rockwell for disorderly conduct in a U. S. park area under police jurisdiction of the Interior Department.

The ADL told Secretary Seaton that Rockwell's threats and insults poured out under the banner of the Nazi Party went beyond the lawful limits of free speech. It was pointed out that individuals had been arrested at Rockwell's rallies for conduct less disorderly than that displayed by Rockwell himself.

Secretary Seaton informed the ADL of his personal concern over the continuing Nazi activity in the area under his jurisdiction. He made known that he had received complaints from throughout the nation.