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### SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES SETTLEMENT ON HEIRLESS PROPERTY IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee today brushed aside objections by the Budget Bureau and endorsed the House version of the Heirless Property Bill which provides for a bulk settlement of \$500,000 of claims on Nazi persecution victims. The settlement was negotiated between the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization and the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice.

The money will come from confiscated properties. The settlement was agreed upon as an estimation of Jewish assets which were not claimed because their owners and their heirs are no longer alive. The Budget Bureau suggested that the sum be cut in half, after which the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee reported the bill out "without recommendation"; the full committee has now restored the original sum.

The Senate committee also acted today on other war claims legislation which, however, does not recognize claims of Americans who became U.S. citizens after the war. A number of bills amending the Trading With the Enemy Act--involving assets of subjects of the Axis Powers which were confiscated by the U.S. Government in World War II--were reported out today by the Senate Judiciary Committee. They have been passed by the House and it is hoped that the Senate will act on them before adjourning.

Senator Kenneth Keating of New York announced that he will offer amendments to the War Claims Bill to include the "later citizens" and to restore the provisions for payment of compensation. The New York Republican filed a minority report on the bill after the committee voted down his motion to include these amendments in its recommendations.

The War Claims Bill applies to injury, death or property losses suffered by Americans in certain areas as a result of military action in World War II. It does not include as beneficiaries Americans who became citizens after the war. This omission was called by Senator Keating "an unjustified discrimination." It is doubtful, however, whether any amendment can be pushed through at this session, since even the House did not include the new citizens in its version of the bill.

### ARAB LEAGUE OPENS MEETING ON 'PALESTINE ISSUE'; SPLIT INDICATED

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Representatives of the nine countries of the Arab League started their meeting today at Shutra, Lebanon, to discuss the "Palestine issue" and conflicts within the Arab world, such as the revived controversy between Jordan and the United Arab Republic.

The question of the "status" of Palestine Arabs caused failure of the last two Arab League conferences. The United Arab Republic and Iraq agreed in principle on the formation of a "Palestine State" and the establishment of a "Palestine Army"; however, they differed on the form of the state and the loyalties of the army. Jordan opposed both the establishment of a Palestine State and the formation of a Palestine Army.

The representative of Jordan announced today that the position of his government on the Palestine issue remains the same. The Arab League meeting which opened today will also face sharp differences of opinion on the suggestion of the United Arab Republic to organize an Arab "solidarity" movement against Iran for its de facto recognition of Israel.

### ISRAEL EXTENDS ITS 'POINT FOUR' PROGRAM TO NEPAL KINGDOM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Israel's "Little Point Four" program was extended today to the Asian mountain kingdom of Nepal. A joint statement by Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel and Premier B. P. Koirala of Nepal announced agreement between the two states for technical cooperation and joint enterprises in the fields of agriculture, industry and construction.

Israel will send a team of technical experts to Nepal to blueprint plans for technical assistance and cooperative enterprises. It was understood that the major form of cooperation between the two countries will be in joint Nepalese-Israeli companies similar to the joint companies in which Israel is participating with a number of Asian and African countries.

Premier Koirala, it was learned, had also indicated a desire to send Nepalese officers for training with the Israel Army. He was particularly interested in the "Nahal"--the

semi-military agricultural youth training organization that mans many settlements on the Israeli frontiers. Under the agreement, Israel will provide scholarships for general and specialized training for Nepalese students here.

Premier Koirala concluded a ten-day visit here during which he attended a scientific conference at the Weizmann Institute and met Israel leaders.

#### ISRAEL REFRAINS FROM COMMENTING ON STATEMENT OF CEYLON'S PREMIER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry today abstained from commenting on the statement by Ceylon's new Premier, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike that her Government would re-study the accreditation of Ceylon's Minister to Israel, in an effort to improve relations with the Arab states.

The Arabs had been pressuring Ceylon for months against improving relations with Israel and used the fact that the Arabs purchase 25 percent of the island's tea exports--Ceylon's major export commodity--as a lever against Israel.

Only a few weeks ago, it seemed that the Arabs gave up attempts at blackmailing Ceylon, when they dropped plans to boycott that country's tea. It is not clear whether this change occurred before or after Ceylon promised to review their relations with Israel.

Observers here pointed out today that, even if Ceylon decided to cancel the accreditation of its Minister to Israel, there would be little practical significance to this move, since Ceylon's Ambassador to Rome, who is also accredited to Israel, has visited this country only once since accreditation 18 months ago. The Israel legation in Ceylon is headed by a Charge d'Affaires, while this country's Ambassador to Burma is also non-resident Minister to Ceylon.

#### RABBIS IN ISRAEL CALL UPON AGUDIST FACTIONS TO END THEIR STRIFE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Giant placards calling on Orthodox Jews to close ranks and desist from mutual recriminations were posted on public billboards today throughout the city. Without mentioning names, the notices alluded to the current rift between the Agudat Israel party and Agudah Workers party over the latter's defection from the parent group to join the Government coalition. Agudat Israel extremists had initiated a terror campaign against the leaders of the Agudah Workers faction.

Entitled "A Call for Peace," the placards bore the signatures of 25 prominent rabbis and heads of yeshivot, including Rabbi Zvi Pessach Frank, Jerusalem's Chief Rabbi. The notices urged both parties to reunite, bury their differences and continue efforts on behalf of Orthodoxy.

Some 10,000 persons attended a rally in B'nei B'rak today at which the Gerer Rebbe urged moderation and restraint on members of Agudat Israel who gathered to protest the independent action of the Agudat laborite faction in leaving the parent organization and joining the Government coalition. The rally followed a series of violent outbreaks by extremists of the Agudat Israel party against leaders and offices of the Agudah Workers faction.

Expressing his regret at the defection by Agudah laborite group, who, he said, had played a great role in the strengthening of Orthodoxy in Israel, the Gerer Rebbe called upon the Agudah members to make all-out efforts for peaceful understanding and urged them to desist from quarreling. Among the other speakers at the rally was Rabbi Zalman Surotzkin, head of the Moetzet G'dolei Hatorah (the Agudah Council of Sages), who demanded that the defectors return to the fold.

#### JUDGE WHO HANDLED ROCKWELL CASE RECEIVES THREATENING LETTERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Judge George B. Neilson who handled the Rockwell case in the Municipal Court of Washington, D.C. has received anonymous threatening letters and phone calls, the "Washington Daily News" reports.

The bulk of these communications, threatening "to get him" was received after he committed the American Nazi Party leader for psychiatric observation. The judge apparently guarded this carefully from being known while he was still on the bench. He retired from office last week.

It is not yet known who will be assigned the case. The trial of Rockwell on two charges of disturbing the peace is scheduled for August 26. On that date similar charges against some of his troopers will also be dealt with.

In the meantime, Roger C. Foss, one of Rockwell's troopers has registered as a foreign agent with the Department of Justice. He was required to do so after it was discovered that he had received \$500 from a Soviet diplomat who had urged him to get a job with the Federal Government. The Soviet diplomat, Valentin M. Ivanov was expelled from the U.S. on August 13.

### GERMANY'S PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS TO TOTAL \$5,000,000,000, STUDY SHOWS

BONN, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The West German Federal Republic has accepted liability of 21 billion marks (\$5,000,000,000) for the wrongs done by the Nazi regime, according to a study published by the information service of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party.

The largest part of this total--16 billion marks--is allocated to indemnification of individual victims of Nazism. Four billion marks represents reparations to the State of Israel. A total of 709 billion marks has been allocated for victims of the Nazi occupation in Denmark, Luxemburg, Norway, Holland and France.

### GERMAN EX-GENERAL BELITTLES NAZI ATROCITIES AT DACHAU CAMP

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Reports from Bonn today indicated that the Social Democratic Party will urge the Federal Republic of Germany to investigate charges made here by Lord Russell of Liverpool who has stated that a former German general belittled the Nazi atrocities at Dachau concentration camp, which Lord Russell visited this summer. During 1946-47 Lord Russell was in Germany as the Deputy Judge General Advocate at British Army Headquarters at the Rhine.

According to Lord Russell, the ex-general accompanied him on his tour of Dachau. When they came to a former gas chamber, where victims of Nazism were put to death, the general allegedly told Lord Russell "this was only a shower." Lord Russell stated also that the ex-general is now employed by the American authorities in Germany, and asserted "there are many other Germans who hold such views."

### GERMANY IS ISRAEL'S THIRD LARGEST CUSTOMER; FOLLOWS BRITAIN AND U.S.

BONN, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- West Germany is now Israel's third largest customer, bowing only to Great Britain and the United States as an importer from Israel, the Israel Trade Mission told a press conference here today.

Israel's exports to West Germany in 1959 amounted to \$16,960,000. In the first three months of this year, the amount was \$11,650,000 as compared to \$8,250,000 in 1959. Mission spokesmen estimated that by 1965, Israel deliveries to West Germany will average \$20,000,000 a year and the total trade volume between the two countries will reach the \$50,000,000 mark.

### B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONVENTION FAVORS TEACHING HISTORY OF RELIGION

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- An overwhelming majority of the 180 teenage delegates attending the 37th annual convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph--boys division of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization--said today that they would favor courses in high school curriculum on history of religion, comparative religion and other aspects of religion with emphasis on moral and ethical teachings of various faiths.

At the same time they flatly opposed the idea of released time in the schools, holiday celebrations there, and other strictly sectarian programs which they labeled "rituals." Most delegates felt that teachers, adequately trained, could do an impartial job in teaching about history, ethics and differences of religions. They suggested that representatives of various faiths be utilized by teachers to help prepare and present courses.

Some of the youngsters said their own opposition to these "ritualistic" practices in schools, however, needed to be tempered by prevailing viewpoints in their home communities. The delegates emphasized that high school courses in comparative religion would not be designed to replace religious instruction under congregational auspices. The courses would augment religious instructions in churches and synagogues.

### TWO LOS ANGELES JEWISH HOSPITALS PLAN TO COORDINATE THEIR SERVICES

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The recent action of the boards of directors of Cedars of Lebanon and Mt. Sinai Hospitals and Clinics approving in principle the developing of a program of coordination of their services into a community medical center, was approved last Wednesday by the Jewish Federation Council board of directors, it was reported here today.

According to Steve Broidy, JFC president, this action was prompted by the consensus of the leaders in the health field that a coordinated hospital operation can better meet the health needs of more people, provide more effective research and teaching programs in the field of medicine.

Under the new coordinated program, the two major hospitals will confer with the Jewish Federation-Council of Los Angeles in all future moves. The chairmen of the coordinating committee are I.H. Prinzmetal, Jewish Federation Council; Raymond E. Lee, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital; and Leslie G. Cramer, Mt. Sinai Hospital.

#### NIXON ORDERS SUPPORTERS TO AVOID 'RELIGIOUS ISSUE' IN CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Vice President Nixon's headquarters today issued instructions to "all persons connected" with the Republican Presidential campaign to keep the "religious issue" completely out of the campaign. The instructions were signed by Leonard W. Hall, general chairman, and Robert H. Finch, director of the Nixon campaign.

The order, which was sent to all local campaign workers from coast to coast, emphasized that Mr. Nixon insists that his supporters give "the most careful and specific adherence" to the following directive:

- "1. No person or organization conditioning their support on religious grounds will be recognized in this campaign.
- "2. There shall be no discussion of the religious issue in any literature by any volunteer group or party organization supporting the Vice President and no literature of this kind from any source should be made available at campaign headquarters or otherwise distributed.
- "3. Staff and volunteer workers should avoid discussing the 'religious issue' either informally or casually since this might be construed as some kind of deliberate campaign."

#### ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION TO CELEBRATE ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the Ben-Gurion Conference in Jerusalem which gave birth to the Israel bond campaign will be celebrated at the National Economic Planning Conference for Israel, which will be held in Washington, D. C. during the three days beginning Friday, September 6, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization.

Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, will report to the delegates from the United States and Canada on the economic achievements made possible by the \$450,000,000 obtained through the sale of State of Israel bonds since May 1951 and outline Israel's development program and needs for the coming year.

#### DR. WEILER TO DIRECT DRIVE FOR 'BETH HATFUTZOT' PROJECT IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, Canadian Jewish leader, today announced the appointment of Dr. Moses Cyrus Weiler, of Haifa, as chairman of the administrative committee of "Beth Hatfutzot" (House of Jewish Communities), a project soon to be built in Israel.

Mr. Bronfman was appointed to the chairmanship of this project at the last conference of the World Jewish Congress in Stockholm. "Beth Hatfutzot" will be an institute for the development of studies of Jewish communities the world over. Seminars, conferences, assemblies and lectures will be conducted at the institute on the role of Jewish communities throughout the world.

Dr. Weiler moved to Israel three years ago from South Africa where he was the founder of the "Movement for Progressive Judaism." Later this month he will leave for South Africa and Europe to interest Jewry there in the "Beth Hatfutzot" project.

#### YESHIVA U. FINANCES FILMING OF LIFE OF MICROSCOPIC ORGANISMS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Roman Vishniac, one of the world's leading photographers, whose photos of Jewish life in pre-war Poland have been exhibited by the YIVO in New York, has been engaged to produce a series of 40 films on the true-to-life behavior of living microscopic organisms to help improve the teaching of biology in high schools and colleges. The first part of the program is being financed by Yeshiva University under a \$112,340 grant given to it by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Vishniac was born sixty-three years ago in Russia. He left the country in 1920 and for the next 19 years lived in Berlin until he fled from the Nazis in 1940 and came to the United States. In describing the film project the scientist-photographer said he would aim at films that "come as close as possible to duplicating the experience of an original observer."

Dr. Vishniac had made a number of trips for the Joint Distribution Committee in pre-war Europe, immortalizing JDC aid to Jews in these countries in impressive photographs. He holds a Doctor of Medicine degree and is a fellow of both the New York Academy of Sciences and the Royal Microscopical Society in Britain.

#### 'DUBNOW YEAR' PROCLAIMED IN MEMORY OF NAZI-KILLED JEWISH HISTORIAN

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The next Jewish calendar year, 5721, was proclaimed by the World Jewish Congress here today as "Simon Dubnow Year," in memory of the late Jewish historian whom the Nazis killed in the Riga Ghetto in 1941. The year will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Dubnow.

According to Congress officials, it is hoped that "Simon Dubnow Year" would stimulate around the world the study and a wider understanding of Jewish history, becoming in effect a "Jewish History Year."