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### PROSPECTS OF EARLY AUSTRIAN COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS DIMMED

VIENNA, March 29. (JTA) -- A threat to early payments of compensation to Austrian victims of the Nazi period developed today when it was announced here that the Bonn Government asked postponement of negotiations with Austria on a West German contribution to the Austrian fund for such payments.

Approval by the Austrian Parliament of indemnification payments was made contingent on such a West German contribution, which the Bonn Government had approved in principle. Details were to have been worked out at a meeting April 9-10 between Austrian Foreign Minister Bruno Kreisky and West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano. The Austrian Parliamentary approval of such payments was made last week and came 16 years after Austria regained its independence from Nazi rule.

The official reason given for the postponement of the Austrian-West German talks was that West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer intended to visit President Kennedy in Washington just about the same time the talks were to take place.

The postponement meant that an agreement between the two countries would not be signed before the end of the summer session of the West German Parliament. This in turn raised the prospect that negotiations would not be resumed before next fall, leaving victims of the Nazi period still wondering when payments would finally be made to them.

### KNESSET APPROVES 1,876,350,000-POUND BUDGET; RECESSES FOR FIVE WEEKS

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament sat until after midnight this morning to pass a budget of 1,876,350,000-pounds (\$1,050,560,000) for the new fiscal year before recessing for the Passover holiday. The recess is for five weeks. Opposition parties voted against the budget for the next year starting April 1.

The Knesset will resume sessions on May 8 and will sit for about two months, adjourning around July 14, a month before the new elections for the Fifth Knesset. The Fourth Knesset, the tenure of which was to have continued until October 1963, voted Tuesday to dissolve itself as the climax to the Government crisis precipitated January 31 by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's resignation.

Before adjournment, Speaker Kaddish Luz announced that contracts for the construction of a new House building would be awarded by May and the building was expected to be completed by the end of 1963.

### U.S. FIRM STARTS BUILDING FIRST WATER DESALINATION PLANT IN ISRAEL

EILAT, March 29. (JTA) -- The cornerstone was laid here today at this southern tip of Israel for the country's first water desalination plant, which will consist of four units each capable of producing 60,000 gallons of sweet water daily. The plant will be completed before the end of this year.

Attending the ceremony were President Ben-Zvi; Development Minister Mordechai Bentov; David Karr, president of the Fairbanks Whitney Corp. of Chicago, which is building the units; Dr. Alexander Zarchin of Tel Aviv, Russian-born inventor of the process; Frank Barry, United States Undersecretary of the Interior; and Carlton Skinner, treasurer of Fairbanks Whitney Corporation.

Mr. Barry, whose presence indicated the interest of the U.S. Government in the process, said the United States felt that the Zarchin process might solve irrigation problems of arid regions in the United States. Mr. Skinner disclosed that a contract had been reached for construction of a Zarchin plant with 3,000,000 gallons daily capacity for the United States Navy.

The plant in Israel is being established jointly by the Israel Government and the American corporation, the Government holding 60 percent of shares in the plant, and the corporation, 40 percent. The price of water produced through the Zarchin process will initially be just under \$1.00 per thousand gallons, which compares with \$1.75 per thousand gallons, the next lowest price by any other process.

Mr. Karr told the gathering that his company expected the price to come down to 40 cents per thousand gallons within a few years. The plant will produce 250,000 gallons daily when completed. Mr. Karr also reported that agreement had been reached on an

arrangement under which the American firm would produce desalination plants for the American hemisphere and Israel will make them for Europe, Africa and Asia.

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov also was present at the ceremony and had a long talk with the Russian-born inventor, who has several of his inventions, including some for manganese production, registered in Russia. The interest of the Soviets in the process was indicated by the fact that while other members of the diplomatic corps arrived at Eilat shortly before the start of the cornerstone laying, Ambassador Bodrov and three aides arrived at Eilat yesterday, attended a lengthy press conference last night and during the press dinner which followed arranged their seating so that Dr. Zarchin had a Soviet diplomat on either side.

#### ISRAEL SUBMITS VIEWS TO STATE DEPARTMENT ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Foreign Ministry sources tonight confirmed Washington reports that the Israel Embassy transmitted to the United States State Department a note on Israel's views on the Middle East. The Israel note was understood to be a "position paper" similar to those being submitted to the new Administration by most foreign embassies.

(In Washington it was reported that Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman met yesterday with G. Lewis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Details of the discussion were not disclosed. A number of Arab ambassadors have met with State Department officials recently.)

It was presumed that the Israel note reiterated Israel's known position as to the bases for Middle East stability. These include economic development of the area, maintenance of Israel's strength to make President Nasser of the United Arab Republic aware of the doubtful gains of aggression and steps necessary to strengthen other Arab nations defending their independence against Nasser's "subversion."

Israel reportedly was not unhappy that the new Administration apparently had decided to "go slow" on Middle East problems since it is felt here that the Middle East, for the time being, is not a source of acute danger. Israel officials also were reported to believe that it was a wise move on the part of the Kennedy Administration to make a careful study of all outstanding Middle East problems before considering any action.

#### KNESSET BODY APPROVES METHOD OF PREVENTING LOOPHOLE IN TRAVEL TAX

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- The Finance Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, approved today a new procedure on travel taxes designed to plug a prospective loophole.

To deal with the possibility that an Israeli may buy a ticket here for a short trip and then at the nearest stop outside of Israel buy a ticket for the rest of the trip, the new arrangements provide that the travel tax is to be based on a certain percentage -- 40 to 45 percent -- of the price of the ticket bought in Israel, plus a fixed amount.

The fixed amount will be 80 pounds by ship or 100 pounds by air regardless of distance. Tickets purchased with foreign currency also will be subject to a fixed payment and a five percent tax.

#### MORE THAN A HALF OF ALL ISRAELI FAMILIES OWN REFRIGERATORS, SURVEY SHOWS

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Fifty-four percent of all Israeli families now own electric refrigerators, two-thirds have gas stoves and half have electric hot water supplies, figures released today by the Central Bureau of Statistics indicated.

Other data indicated that urban wage and salary earners spent during 1960 an average of 27 percent more than they did three years previously, adjusted for price changes. The bureau reported that average family expenditures on food remained static but more was spent on furniture and household utensils.

#### DR. GOLDMANN HONORED BY HADASSAH; PRESENTED WITH SZOLD CENTENNIAL AWARD

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, today was presented the Henrietta Szold Centennial Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Zionism. Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, and Miss Barbara Ruskin, president of the Junior Hadassah National Council, made the presentation to Dr. Goldmann at special ceremonies in the offices of the Jewish Agency.

The award to Dr. Goldmann was originally made last December on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, but was presented personally today since Dr. Goldmann was not in the United States last December. The Henrietta Szold Citation hails Dr. Goldmann as a "champion of Jewish dignity, eloquent pleader for human rights, outstanding and brilliant servant of the cause of Zionism and of the Jewish people everywhere."

## GERMAN LAWYER FACES TRIAL IN BONN FOR SLANDERING JEWISH COMMUNITY

BONN, March 29. (JTA) -- The Bonn public prosecutor opened a libel action here today against the attorney of a major West German automobile firm who was accused by the Central Council of Jews in Germany of slandering the Jewish community of the Federal Republic.

The attorney, Dr. A. Schmidt, questioned during a meeting of the neo-Nazi Reichs-partei in December 1959 on the desecration of the Cologne synagogue on Christmas eve whether a synagogue could be regarded as a House of God. "If we heard Martin Luther on the subject," the attorney was quoted as saying, "there would be storms of laughter."

## JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES TESTIFY ON FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- Representatives of two Jewish organizations testified today at the hearing of the House Subcommittee on Labor and Education on the Kennedy Administration school aid bill in which financial assistance to parochial schools is barred on the grounds that such Federal aid constitutes a violation of the Constitution which separates the State from the Church. The Jewish spokesmen took sharply contradictory positions.

Dr. Leo Pfeffer, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, warned the subcommittee members that religious liberty in the United States would be endangered by any provision of Federal loans or grants to religious schools. However, Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president of the Orthodox Agudath Israel of America, said that his organization "strongly" favored Federal aid to parochial schools. He said his organization deplored the "incorrect image" of the Jewish position on the issue as being one of total opposition.

Dr. Pfeffer said that the Catholic demand for federal funds to support parochial schools represented "the most serious assault upon the wall of separation between church and state in the history of our nation." He added that if it succeeded, "it might well mark the beginning of the end of our public school system."

Rabbi Sherer, marking the first stand by any Jewish spokesmen before Congress in favor of Federal aid to religious schools, cited "a network of 251 elementary and secondary parochial schools" created by American Orthodox Jews "under extremely difficult financial circumstances."

He said that it was the view of his organization that to deny to the "tax-paying American citizens of the Orthodox Jewish faith" who send their children to religious schools "the benefit of their taxes to help defray the large expense of maintaining the Jewish parochial school system for their children is a discrimination which is not in accordance with basic American ideals."

He urged that "Federal aid to parochial schools be included in any government program of school support" and said that such aid had nothing to do with the principle of State-Church separation. "This type of government support will merely return to the taxpayer the full benefit of his taxes, to which he is justly entitled, without compelling him to endure a system of double taxation," Rabbi Sherer asserted.

Prior to the appearance of the two Jewish spokesmen, the Kennedy Administration sent to the Congress a lengthy legal memorandum in support of the President's position that across-the-board loans to sectarian schools would be unconstitutional. The memorandum also asserted that loans to such schools were just as much a form of support as grants and "equally prohibited by the Constitution."

## CONGRESSIONAL BODY REJECTS PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR ARTUKOVIC

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- The House Committee on the Judiciary, under the chairmanship of Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, rejected today a private bill that would have given permanent residence in the United States to Andrija Artukovic, Minister of the Interior in the Nazi puppet government of Croatia during World War II.

"As in past sessions," said Mr. Celler, "the committee has turned down the bill." Artukovic, who lives now at Surfside, Calif., has been accused by the Yugoslav Government of the murder of 1,200 Jews, Serbians, Croats and others.

At the same time, it was reported here that a hearing has been granted to Laszlo Agh, a Hungarian reserve officer and former commander of a Hungarian labor camp, who had been ordered deported. Agh, who lives in New Jersey, has appealed the deportation order. The date of the hearing has not been announced. Agh's name appears in the list of persons accused or suspected of crimes against humanity compiled by the World Jewish Congress.

#### ROCKWELL FINED IN BOSTON COURT FOR USING FALSE NAME; POSED AS JEW

BOSTON, March 29. (JTA) -- George Rockwell of Arlington, Va., founder of the "American Nazi Party," and one of his followers, were convicted yesterday in Municipal Court here on charges of violating the Massachusetts' "true name" law and fined \$10 each.

The law forbids registration in a public accommodation under a false name. Rockwell and Roy James, 23, a cook at Rockwell's Nazi headquarters in Arlington, were arrested by state police in Topsfield for violation of the law. The state police charged that during a visit to Boston on January 14, Rockwell registered himself in a Boston hotel as "Nathan Ginsburg," and that James was not registered at all.

#### HISTORY OF CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITY TO BE ISSUED; 'SENTINEL' HONORED

CHICAGO, March 29. (JTA) -- A history of the Jewish community of Chicago, furnishing a portrait of this large community of 400,000 Jewish people, and reflecting the achievements of their 123 synagogues, dozens of large institutions and hundreds of smaller groups, is being compiled by a special Golden Jubilee Committee formed here in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Sentinel, it was announced here today. The Sentinel, Chicago's weekly Jewish newspaper, was founded in 1911.

The idea of a history of Chicago Jewry was suggested by J.I. Fishbein, publisher and editor of The Sentinel, after a group of Chicago leaders had proposed the organization of a banquet to honor The Sentinel's 50th anniversary. "We proposed instead," said Mr. Fishbein, "that they utilize the occasion to fulfill a long-time dream that would benefit the entire community and which, at the same time, would perpetuate our traditional role as the chronicler of Jewish history. We told our good friends that they would best celebrate the golden jubilee of The Sentinel by helping us publish a readable, popular history of Chicago Jewry, covering the past five decades of our existence."

#### SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN BEQUEATHS \$750,000 FUND FOR JEWISH SERVICES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29. (JTA) -- A \$750,000 charitable foundation, the Eva Heller Kohn Fund, has been established here to provide funds for Jewish services. The Fund was incorporated in accordance with the will of the late Mrs. Eva Heller Kohn, a member of a widely known San Francisco family.

A board of trustees will vote contributions from the income of the fund "to such Jewish charities, charitable institutions and philanthropic purposes as the trustees shall deem worthy of assistance."

#### APPLICANTS FROM MANY STATES SEEK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JEWISH STUDIES

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Applications for scholarships and fellowships have been received from 17 States, Canada and three foreign countries, from students completing doctoral programs and Master's degrees in the field of Jewish studies as well as scholars planning research projects, it was reported by Professor Nathan Reich at the meeting of the Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies held here.

Applications will be received until April 15th for consideration by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture for the next academic year. The Council also heard reports on plans for developing Jewish communal archives by the secretary of the Foundation, Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, and a report on plans for a publication program from Dr. Solomon Grayzel, chairman of the publications committee of the Council. The Council of Jewish Cultural Agencies is the advisory body of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

#### JEWISH MOTION PICTURE EXPERT CHOSEN IN MOROCCO TO DIRECT FILM

RABAT, Morocco, March 29. (JTA) -- For the first time, a Jewish movie expert will direct a film in Morocco, it was revealed here today, when the motion picture expert, David Dayan, was officially presented to newspapermen by the Minister of Information.

Moulay Ahmed Alaoui, Minister of Information, introduced Mr. Dayan to the press at a conference at the Cinematographic Center here this morning, announcing that Mr. Dayan will direct the new, full-length feature, to be entitled "Children of the Sun." The film, according to the plans, will be devoted partly to locations and scenes in Morocco. A group of Moslem movie experts will work with Mr. Dayan on the film, Mr. Alaoui said.

#### 350 DELEGATES ATTEND TERRITORIAL KEREN HAYESOD PARLEY IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, March 29. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for increased contribution by Argentine Jewry to the Keren Hayesod, was adopted unanimously here today by the fund's 13th territorial convention attended by 350 delegates from throughout Argentina.

In a call to Argentine Jewry to mobilize maximum effort on behalf of the Keren Hayesod drive, Joseph Tchorintzki, director of the South American department of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, described Israel as the Jewish people's "most valuable asset."