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AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT TO VOTE ON COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Informed sources reported today that the Austrian-West German agreement on compensation to victims of the Nazi era in Austria will be submitted this month to the Austrian Parliament and that it will be ratified in March.

The agreement provides that West Germany will provide about half the funds for the restitution fund for several groups of victims, including Nazi persecutees; The West German Government accepted the contention of Austria that the Germans were responsible for the atrocities committed in Austria and signed an agreement to share in the payments last November 27; West German ratification is still pending but no difficulties are anticipated;

Meanwhile, the Austrian Cabinet today accepted a draft of the 12th amendment to the Nazi victims restitution law which will enable the Austrian Government to make advance payments for such groups as persons over 65 and needy individuals;

In return for a sum of \$80,000,000 from West Germany, Austria undertook in the November 27 agreement to give West Germany a waiver against all future claims; West Germany insisted that Austria match the \$80,000,000, thus setting up a fund to settle all valid claims; West Germany also agreed to make certain prepayments but it will not hand over its share until Parliaments of both countries have ratified the agreement;

MERGER OF GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATIONS DOUBTED BY MRS. HALPRIN

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin, co-chairman of one of the two presently existing World Confederations of General Zionists, expressed personal doubts and reservations today about a possible merger of the competing organizations;

She told a press conference that the confederation of which she is co-chairman nevertheless would discuss the entire problem of merger at a convention in May; She said that Hadassah would insist on the principle that there should be no identification between the merged confederation and any political party in Israel;

Commenting on a proposal that a branch of the General Zionist movement should be established in Israel to deal only with problems of the Zionist movement, Mrs. Halprin said she could not accept the idea that the same people who head the Liberal party in Israel would also be heads of the General Zionist movement proposed now;

"Had there been other people to head it, there might have been a possibility of merger," she said; She added that the whole idea of such a local Israeli General Zionist movement was difficult to grasp because the distribution of seats in Israel's Parliament was based on the results of elections to the Parliament; She pointed out that since there was no General Zionist movement that goes to the polls, it would mean that Liberals again are those who represent the General Zionist movement;

Mrs. Halprin expressed surprise over "hints" from Dr. Emanuel Neumann--who heads the other confederation--that if Hadassah blocked the path to merger, he would try to get other organizations, now affiliated with Mrs. Halprin's group, to join a united confederation; She said that "if this is a threat, I can face it and I will be firm on our non-identification principle;"

ISRAEL ADVANCES PROPOSALS TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET; SEEKS LINK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- A proposal that the European Economic Community name a special committee to open formal talks with Israel for lowering tariff barriers was one of several suggestions made here today by Commerce Minister Pinhas Sapir during talks between 18 members of the European Parliamentary Assembly--which meets in Strasbourg;

Members of the delegation are from five of the six Common Market nations--Italy, France, West Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands; Luxembourg is not represented; The delegation came to Israel to discuss the future of Israeli relations with the EEC;

At the request of the delegation, the Commerce Ministry will prepare a detailed survey on Israeli industrial development projects, wage levels and an analysis of various Israeli industrial sectors and their chances of competing with similar sectors in Common Market countries;

ISSUE OF ARAB BOYCOTT POLICY AGAINST U.S. JEWS RAISED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Congressman Barratt O'Hara of Illinois told the House today that United States aid should be denied "to countries that seek to enforce upon us their own discriminations along the lines of religion, race and station."

"A sense of international morality, as well as a due regard for our national dignity" makes such action mandatory, the Congressman said. His remarks were made in reference to a recent Jewish Telegraphic Agency report--which he asked to be inserted in the Congressional Record--quoting Rep. Leonard Rabinowitz of New York as being displeased with the State Department's handling of protests in connection with U.S. aid to Arab countries which impose travel and trade bans on American Jews and Jewish-owned firms.

KENNEDY'S ADVISOR SAYS ARABS MUST RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Ambassador Chester Bowles, former Connecticut Governor who is now President Kennedy's advisor on Asian, African and Latin-American affairs, said here that the Arab countries must recognize that "Israel was here to stay."

He made this statement to the Connecticut Jewish Ledger during a visit here. He emphasized that he remained firmly committed to his statement of October 1960, when, as foreign policy advisor to John F. Kennedy as a presidential candidate, he took that position.

He also expressed the opinion that in such situations as the Middle East impasse, it might be best to put the conflict "on ice" and find other ways to get the two sides to work together. He explained that if agreements could be reached on such issues as the Arab refugees and use of water in the area, the way might be opened to eventual peace.

U.S. MISSION PLANS TO ESTABLISH SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- An official of the United States Operations Mission in Israel disclosed today that the USOM, in cooperation with the Israel Government, was planning to establish a number of specialized professional and agricultural institutes in Israel.

Dr. Carl Ferderer of the USOM's industry, mining and transportation division, said that one of the institutes would be a "residential management school," another would be a "Home Economics school."

He said the USOM also planned to construct buildings for the National and University Agricultural Institute at Rehovot, and an industrial service center to house all training institutes receiving USOM aid, such as the Productivity Center and to develop the Consumer's Union.

The building activity will be financed by counterpart funds arising from the United States grant in aid, at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year.

AMERICAN FIRM MAY REPLACE FRENCH COMPANIES IN BUILDING ISRAEL PORT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Directors of Solel Boneh, the construction arm of His-tadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, discussed here today the possibility of letting a contract to an American engineering firm which would replace three French companies in the building of the new port of Ashdod. The American firm being considered is Fraiser Engineering Company.

According to the directors, the three French firms have delayed provision of stones needed for a large breakwater that must be built at the new port. This delay, it was said, is threatening to disrupt the entire time-table for completion of the port's first stage for use during the 1964-65 citrus export season.

The French partners on the project were said to be anxious to step out of the project. The American firm, on the other hand, has reportedly offered to do the job and complete it even ahead of the deadline set for the French firms. Final decision on the French withdrawal and the American take-over is expected within a week.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY APPROVES SWEEPING LEGISLATION AGAINST JOB BIAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- The House Labor and Education Committee today approved sweeping legislation to set up a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission. The measure, unanimously endorsed by all Committee members present at a closed-door session, would make it a crime for labor unions, private companies and Government agencies to discriminate in employment against anyone on the basis of "race, religion, national origin or age."

The Committee's bill, which will now go to the House floor where it faces a tough fight, would set up a five-member commission to be appointed by the President. The Commission would be empowered to seek Federal court orders to enforce its findings and also to seek penalties for violators through contempt proceedings.

SENATE VOTES AGAINST LOANS FOR COLLEGE FACILITIES TO TEACH RELIGION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- The Senate approved and sent to conference committee with the House today a college aid bill providing for construction loans on which both chambers agreed none of the funds could be used to build facilities for religious instruction or worship;

The measure authorized \$300,000,000 a year for five years for such purposes but substantial differences in the measures required a conference committee to resolve the differences; In the voting, the Senate rejected an amendment, offered by Senator Sam Ervin, North Carolina Democrat, which would have barred any grants under the bill to all private and church-supported colleges; The National Community Relations Advisory Council had sent a telegram to Senate leaders, urging such a provision;

At the same time, President Kennedy sent an omnibus \$5,700,000,000 Federal aid to education measure to Congress, in which he again asked for funds for public elementary and secondary classroom construction and teachers salaries; As he did last year in asking for similar funds, the President insisted that Constitutional provisions barred allocation of such funds to parochial and other private schools;

A battle over the exclusion, led by the Catholic church, bogged the bill in committee last year where it died; Congressional experts forecast a similar struggle over the new Administration bill and a similar outcome; The elementary and secondary public schools would get \$2,100,000,000 in Federal funds over a three-year period;

SHARETT SEES JUDAISM IMPERILED; CITES TREATMENT OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, declared here today that "as long as democracy is not universal in the world, Judaism is imperiled; He spoke before a packed hall at a meeting sponsored by the B'nai B'rith here; He will proceed from here to the United States for a month-long tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and the Zionist movement;

In his address the Jewish Agency chairman cited Soviet Russia as a country "where freedom is rationed by the state and is not the inherent right of every individual;" Under such circumstances, he asserted, "Judaism experiences a progressive asphyxiation;"

He described Israel as "the only impregnable bastion of Jewish life and the mightiest instrument for the perpetuation of Jewishness;" It is always there in case of need or danger to any Jewish group or community, he emphasized;

He insisted he was not "conjuring up dark visions of imperiled Jewish communities" but claimed that "there are communities who are in need of Israel even today as a means of salvation;" Since Israel was established, he stated, there was no more "going cap in hand" in case of need or danger to any Jewish group;

ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN BY POLICE AS CAUSE OF BOMBING LOS ANGELES HOMES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Police Chief William H. Parker told the Los Angeles City Council today that anti-Semitism appeared to be the motive behind the bombing last week of the homes of two Protestant clergymen who were speaking at a meeting of the local American Jewish Congress group when the blasts took place;

Chief Parker, in a report to the City Council, said that the police were pressing their search for the source of anti-Semitic leaflets found in front of Temple Sinai here, where the meeting took place; The leaflets, entitled "Know Your Enemy," pictured a star of David;

VIENNA COURT DISMISSES CHARGES AGAINST FORMER AIDE OF EICHMANN

VIENNA, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Alfred Josef Slawik, a former aide of Adolf Eichmann when the latter was in Budapest to direct the deportation of Hungarian Jewry to Nazi death camps, was freed today by the Vienna Provincial Court when the court dismissed charges he helped Eichmann murder a Jewish boy in Budapest during World War II;

Slawik was arrested last June after he was implicated in the crime during the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem; Eichmann, who was sentenced to death for the murder of millions of Jews, was acquitted by the Jerusalem court on the charge of murdering the boy;

PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMANY VISITS ISRAELI PAVILION AT BERLIN EXHIBIT

BERLIN, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- President Heinrich Lübke today visited the Israel pavilion of an international agricultural exhibit which opened here this week; An Israeli stamp exhibition was also opened here today in the presence of Ambassador Eliezer Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission in Cologne; Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community; senior Government officials and leaders of the Jewish community;

JE WISH WELFARE AGENCIES IN NEW YORK FACE POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- An AFL-CIO local representing 800 caseworkers and other employees of six welfare agency affiliates of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies reported today it had served notice of termination of contract with the agencies.

The spokesman for Community and Social Agency Employees Union, local 1707 said that under the notice, the contract will be terminated February 16 and the local would then be free to strike against the six agencies--Altro Health and Rehabilitation Services, the Jewish Board of Guardians, Jewish Child Care Association, Jewish Community Services of Long Island, Jewish Family Service and the Louise Wise Services.

A spokesman for the Federation said that while the affected agencies are affiliates, the Federation is not involved in the contract dispute. He said that negotiations are conducted by the union with a negotiating committee representing the six agencies and that contracts are between the union and the agencies and not with the Federation.

A spokesman for the union reported that the union had reduced its demands and that these now were for a \$5,700 to \$10,000 annual scale for caseworkers; \$60 weekly minimum pay in all non-professional categories; a \$12 weekly increase for homemakers, nurses, maintenance, cottage parents and related categories; and reduction of the work week. Other demands are for a union shop, welfare benefits, particularly better pensions, and settlement of grievances about transfers, workloads and promotions.

Union Signs New Contract with American Jewish Committee

The union spokesman also reported that a new contract with the American Jewish Committee provided gains in union security, severance pay, supper money payments, leaves, welfare benefits, salaries and other areas. Under the contract, the rate of severance pay was increased from one week of service to two weeks per year.

The contract provides, for the first time, that on the death of an employee, the beneficiary will receive one-half of the severance pay accrued to the dead employee, an addition to the payments from the group life insurance policy in the American Jewish Committee.

The contract also provides that employees after 20 years of service will be entitled to receive one-half of their accumulated severance pay, in addition to vested pension benefits. The principle of a sabbatical leave after 20 years of service has also been recognized in the new contract with the American Jewish Committee, the union said.

LORD BALFOUR TO ADDRESS AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- The Earl of Balfour is coming to the United States from Scotland for the special purpose of opening the 1962 development program of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a national three-day meeting in Miami Beach, which will start on February 17, it was announced today by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, chairman of the three-day conference.

Community leaders from all parts of the United States will participate in a combined meeting of the board of directors and National Council of the AFHU under the chairmanship of Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board. The 1962 program of the organization will be presented at this meeting. Lord Balfour's address in Miami Beach will be followed by a series of public appearances throughout the country under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

MRS. HENRY WINEMAN, DETROIT JE WISH COMMUNITY LEADER, WINS BUTZEL AWARD

DETROIT, Feb. 7; (JTA) -- Mrs. Henry Wineman, Detroit community leader active in Jewish and civic affairs, was presented here last night by the Jewish Welfare Federation with the 1962 Fred M. Butzel Memorial Award--the most coveted community honor of the year--in recognition of distinguished service to Jewish causes. The presentation was made at the annual dinner of the Federation.

The winner of the Butzel Award is selected by heads of the Federation agencies and previous award winners. Mrs. Wineman has been active for many years in the Allied Jewish Campaign, Hadassah, the Community Chest and in all major Jewish welfare movements. Her late husband, Henry Wineman, was the winner of the Butzel Award in 1952.

MIAMI COMMUNITY TO SPONSOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CITY IN NEGEV

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 7; (JTA) -- The establishment of a new city in Israel's Negev will be sponsored by the Greater Miami Jewish Community, it is announced here today by Leon J. Ell, president of the Jewish National Fund Council here.

The decision by the Miami JNF group was made in response to a call by Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who appealed to world Jewry to establish ten new cities in the Negev. The Miami project, which is scheduled for completion over a three-year period, makes this community the first to respond to Premier Ben-Gurion's request.