



# Jewish Telegraphic Agency

## DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXIX - 44th year

Monday, June 18, 1962

No. 116

### JEWSH CLAIMS CONFERENCE MEETS IN LONDON ON GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany met here today to discuss a number of questions dealing with the West German restitution and indemnification programs for Jewish victims of Nazism. The Bonn Government is now considering amendments to the restitution and indemnification laws which expire at the end of this year.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference, reported to the board about negotiations he has held on the subject with leaders of the German Government, Parliament and political parties. The meeting authorized Dr. Goldmann and the two other leading Conference officers to take whatever steps are necessary to seek implementation of a German legislative program sought by the Conference, and to improve and accelerate the payment of indemnification claims to individual Jewish victims of Nazism. The two other officers to work on this program with Dr. Goldmann are Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference, and Moses A. Leavitt, treasurer.

At a news conference following the board meeting, Dr. Goldmann said he would go to Germany this week. He said he may meet with West Germany's Finance Minister, Dr. Heinz Starke, or arrange a conference with Dr. Starke later this year, when the Bonn Parliament takes a recess.

The "ideal" solution from the Jewish point of view, Dr. Goldmann said, would be an improved German law covering the outstanding claims. But, he said, there are other suggestions for a solution, and "it is all a matter for negotiation."

"One must always remember," he added, "that the ideal solution is not always attainable. However, before a final agreement is made with the German authorities, the negotiators would go back to a full, plenary session of the Claims Conference, so that any agreement would have to be endorsed by the Conference as a whole."

During his news conference, Dr. Goldmann said, on an unrelated topic, that he hoped to settle in Israel in the autumn of 1963, when his home in Jerusalem would be ready.

### PROBLEM OF ALGERIAN JEWS WHO FLEE TO FRANCE TERMED 'MOST SERIOUS'

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, warned here today that the problem of Jewish immigration into France from Algeria and other North African countries "must be regarded as a most serious question from every standpoint--relief, welfare, religious and cultural."

Addressing the Board's monthly meeting, Sir Barnett said: "The maintenance of these new Jewish refugees, and their rehabilitation, is the responsibility of Jews all over the world." He was certain, he said, that the Anglo-Jewish community would not fail to respond "to any call that might be made to it, financially or otherwise."

"It is no wonder that so many members of the ancient Jewish community felt compelled to leave," he said, citing the threats against the Jewish community of Algeria and against Israel voiced by representatives of the Algerian Provisional National Government.

Referring to reactions to the Adolf Eichmann execution in Argentina and Italy, the leader declared "it is regrettable that the Argentine Government found it necessary to express some criticism of the execution, thereby providing a pretext for anti-Semites to perpetrate the outrages which have taken place." He referred to attacks carried out in Argentina in the last two weeks against Jewish communal and other buildings.

### QUIET RESTORED ON ISRAELI-ARAB BORDERS; JORDAN APOLOGIZES TO U. N.

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem sector of the Israeli-Jordanian border was quiet again today, while the atmosphere continued tense along Israel's northern frontier with Syria, after a weekend flareup of renewed border violence on two of Israel's borders.

Here, where Jordanian fire killed one Israeli and wounded three others, the situation was calm again. The United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission, which investigated the sudden, fatal burst of Jordanian fire against an Israeli patrol near the Mandelbaum Gate, was reportedly assured by the Jordanian members of the MAC that the attack did not reflect a Jordanian Government policy.

ISRAELI RABBI, ON TRIAL FOR KIDNAPING OF YOUTH, DENIES GUILT IN COURT

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Testifying in his own defense, Rabbi Binyamin Mendelsohn of Kommemiut settlement, who with three others is on trial for alleged complicity in the abduction of Yossele Schurmacher, denied today that he had anything to do with the kidnaping of the nine-year-old boy who was taken from his parents because of fears that he would not receive an Orthodox education.

In a dramatic statement occasionally interrupted by choking tears, Rabbi Mendelsohn told the court that he had no knowledge of Yossele's whereabouts and had nothing to do with the abduction. He expressed sorrow that those hiding him did not heed the call of the rabbis urging his return.

Rabbi Mendelsohn branded as a malicious lie, all the stories told by an earlier witness about an alleged meeting of rabbis at which it was decided to abduct Yossele and declared that such a fabrication was reminiscent of the "black libels" of which Jews in the Diaspora were accused, many years ago. "It is a terrible libel," Rabbi Mendelsohn declared, "and woe to me that I have heard such a lie told by a Jewish witness under oath." He concluded his statement by dramatically reciting the "Shema."

NEHRU SPEAKS IN PARLIAMENT AGAINST DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, June 17. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Nehru told the Indian Parliament this week-end that India has not entered diplomatic relations with Israel partly because Israel's activities had been "unfortunately aggressive" in the past and because it might be harmful to India's relations with other countries.

He added that relations between Israel and some west Asian countries were "strained" and any action taken by India in regard to any of these countries might affect another and might be resented by the other countries. He said "one had therefore to see what advantages" there would be in balance and whether a particular action would contribute to the settlement of dispute among those countries.

He said India did not plan to exchange diplomatic representatives with Israel now because such an exchange "in balance" would not be advantageous to the cause "India is pursuing in West Asia." The Prime Minister's principal theme was Algeria and he said India would recognize an independent Algeria promptly.

His comments on Israel were in reply to a supplementary question by Hvkamat Praja, a Socialist deputy, who had asked "whether India's approach" to Israel "was conditioned by Arab susceptibilities." He also asked whether it was not a fact "that many European and Asian countries had cordial relations with both the Arab countries and Israel and that, such being the case, what was India's difficulty" in recognizing Israel?

EX-NAZIS FAILED IN EFFORTS TO SMUGGLE RAZOR BLADE TO EICHMANN IN JAIL

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- Former Nazis had tried twice to smuggle a razor blade to the late Adolf Eichmann, while the latter awaited hanging at Ramleh Prison, it was revealed here last night by Attorney General Gideon Hausner, chief prosecutor of the Eichmann trial.

In one case, Mr. Hausner disclosed, Germans now in Australia, who lived formerly in the Palestinian colonies of Saron and Wilhelma, sent Eichmann a postcard, advising him to interest himself in philately, and to be sure to examine the stamp on the card. The Israeli security officers followed the advice--examining the stamp and finding a thin blade under the postage.

Another effort was made to get a blade to Eichmann by inserting the thin-edged metal between the wrappings of a box of matches. The senders had apparently hoped Eichmann would kill himself with the blade to avoid hanging.

One of Eichmann's fictitious names, which was exposed as false after his arrest, was that he had had been born at the Saron settlement in pre-Israel Palestine. The Germans who had settled both Saron and Wilhelma left the country immediately after Israel was established, in 1948, most of them moving en masse to Australia.

ISRAEL CONTRIBUTES TO UNITED NATIONS' AID FOR REFUGEES FROM ALGERIA

GENEVA, June 17. (JTA) -- A \$5,000 contribution from Israel to aid in the repatriation of refugees from Algeria was handed today to Felix Schnyder, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The presentation was made by Moshe Bartur, Israel's permanent representative at Geneva. The contribution was made in response to the High Commissioner's appeals for urgently needed funds and temporary housing for such refugees who are now in Morocco and Tunisia. The High Commissioner expressed deep appreciation for the contribution which will enable his office to acquire more than 100 family-sized tents for the refugees.

SOVIET DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO STUDY DIAMOND POLISHING METHODS

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- A three-man delegation representing the Soviet diamond industry arrived here last night to study the technical aspects of the Israeli diamond industry, especially the methods used for polishing diamonds for the jewel trade. The Russians are here as guests of the Soviet Embassy.

EICHMANN'S AIDE IN BUDAPEST GOES ON TRIAL TODAY FOR KILLING JEWS

BONN, June 17. (JTA) -- Otto Hunsche, former aide to Adolf Eichmann at Budapest, will go on trial at Frankfurt tomorrow on charges of murdering 1,200 Hungarian Jews during World War II. According to the Frankfurt prosecutor, Hunsche had 1,200 Hungarian Jews arrested, and murdered, to keep them from complaining to Admiral Horthy, the chief of their state, against the mass deportation of Hungarian Jews to the death camp of Auschwitz. Hunsche was chief of the German security force in Hungary, working under Eichmann.

At Kiel today, concern was expressed by leaders of the Schleswig-Holstein provincial government over a ruling handed down yesterday by a local court, which granted a monthly pension of 1,800 Deutschmarks (\$450) to Ernst Lautz. He was the chief prosecutor of Hitler's People's Court, which had sentenced thousands of Jews and other "undesirables" to death for minor offences. State officials at Kiel are expected to appeal the case to a higher court, in an effort to cancel the Lautz pension grant.

FOUR UKRAINIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR AIDING NAZIS TO KILL JEWS

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Four Ukrainians were sentenced to death for murdering Jews and other Soviet citizens during the German occupation of the area in World War II, according to a news dispatch received here from Kiev today.

The trial took place at Smela, a town about 30 miles from the large Ukrainian city of Cherkassy. The Cherkassy District Court returned guilty verdicts, and imposed the death sentences on A. Litvin, I. Piotrovsky, F. Pomenko and W. Knowalenko. Testimony against the men established the fact that they not only served the Nazis during the occupation period but also that they had personally participated in killing "thousands of Soviet citizens and Jews."

SYNAGOGUE BURNED DOWN BY 'HOOLIGANS' IN SOVIET PROVINCIAL CITY

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- A synagogue at Mikha Tskhakaya, a Soviet town in eastern Georgia, near the Black Sea, was burned down as a result of a fire deliberately started by "hooligans," according to information reaching here today from Moscow. The synagogue was totally destroyed.

Mikha Tskhakaya is a city of 22,000 population, big enough by provincial standards to contain a sizable Jewish community. Soviet authorities were reported investigating the origin of the fire which took place on May 1, the most important national holiday in the entire Soviet Union. Thus far, there is no information as to whether anyone has been arrested.

500 YOUNG AMERICAN JEWS WILL WORK AND STUDY IN ISRAEL THIS SUMMER

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Nearly 1,500 young Americans will go to Israel this summer to spend from seven weeks to one year in travel, work and study programs sponsored by the Jewish Agency in cooperation with the American Zionist Council, the Jewish Agency announced here today.

These programs will have a record number of participants since the inception of the Jewish Agency summer programs 13 years ago and have one basic conception, Mrs. Rose Alprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, said. Young Americans will learn about Israel not only from sightseeing and occasional lectures, but also from active participation, alongside the Israelis in day to day experience, she stated.

The largest group this year will go within the framework of the Israel Summer Institute sponsored by the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency. The 750 participants, each of whom will spend about seven weeks in Israel, come from both Zionist and non-Zionist organizations. Participants in the Junior division (age 16-18) are members of National Young Judaea and the non-affiliated applicants of the American Zionist Youth Commission, as well as members of B'nai B'rith Youth, United Synagogue Youth (Conservative) and the National Federation of Temple Youth (Reform).

In the Senior division (age 18-25) the participants are members of Junior Hadassah, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, Mizrahi Hatzair and Student Zionist Organization, as well as a group of non-affiliated youth. The Summer Institute has been in operation since the establishment of the State and has registered a year to year increase in the number of participants. Since 1949, more than 5,000 youth went to Israel under this program.

Participants in the Seminar spend two weeks touring the country, about two weeks attending lectures by top Israeli personalities on general subjects, as well as in small special interest groups such as: art, music, medicine, social welfare, religion, etc. For many of the youth, the most rewarding experience is the third part of their visit--the work period in an agricultural settlement, a kibbutz or a moshav. The special "Summer in the Land" program, lasting ten weeks, in which most of the visit is spent in actual work, has a time out for sightseeing, cultural activities and lectures will have about 150 participants this year.

The Jewish Agency's cultural Department conducts the annual "Bar Mitzvah" pilgrimages lasting 6-7 weeks. The "Bar Mitzvah" program this year will have about 100 youngsters.

PHILADELPHIA DEPORTS AMERICAN NAZIS FROM CITY; PICKETED A. D. L. OFFICE

PHILADELPHIA, June 17. (JTA) -- Three members of the American Nazi Party, two of them in uniforms emblazoned with swastika armbands, were escorted by police here to the city limits and ordered to move on, this weekend. They had staged a demonstration in front of the Philadelphia office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Nazis had come here by automobile from their headquarters at Arlington, Va. A crowd of about 500 persons gathered near the Nazis as they started picketing the ADL office. Police said they were forced to remove the pickets as the crowd had become hostile and shouted threats against the pickets.

RABBINICAL PLEA AGAINST TELEVISION 'MERCHANT OF VENICE' REJECTED

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The New York Shakespeare Festival proceeded today with plans to televise "The Merchant of Venice" despite protests by the New York Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, president of the rabbinical group, said a delegation had visited New York City Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris and Joseph Papp, director of the annual summer festival. They expressed their objections to a telecast of the play, which is scheduled to be taped in New York City's Central Park and which will be shown on the local Columbia Broadcasting System outlet, WCBS-TV.

Rabbi Moshowitz said the delegation "did not come to the meeting to question Mr. Papp's right to produce the play. We have always fought against any form of censorship and we made it clear to Mr. Morris and Mr. Papp that we had come to reason together."

He added that the delegation conveyed to Mr. Papp "our deep concern lest a revival of the anti-Semitic stereotype of Shylock on the television screen do great harm to inter-group amity and understanding in our city." The delegation suggested to Mr. Papp to substitute for the program one of the other Shakespearian plays which he is producing this summer. However, Mr. Papp reacted negatively.

Rabbi Moshowitz declined to indicate what further action the Board of Rabbis planned. If no changes are made in the plans, the taped version will be telecast on Thursday night. Norman E. Walt, Jr., CBS-TV general manager, confirmed that the contract was between the festival and the station and did not involve the CBS network.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS BRIEFED IN ROME ON JEWISH REFUGEE SITUATION

ROME, June 17. (JTA) -- Leaders of Canadian Jewry comprising a 1962 campaign mission of the Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal were given here today a first-hand briefing on the problems of European Jewry and the plight of the Jewish refugees from North Africa pouring into France.

The members of the group, who will leave for Israel tomorrow to continue their survey of Jewish needs overseas, met with representatives here of the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the United Hias Service. During their five-day tour of France and Italy, the Canadian Jewish group, which is headed by Jacob Lowy, general chairman of the campaign, observed the far-flung operations of the three organizations in visits to installations in Paris, Marseilles, Rome and Naples.

FRIEDLANDER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CINCINNATI JEWISH WELFARE FUND

CINCINNATI, June 17. (JTA) -- Alfred J. Friedlander has been elected president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cincinnati, the central budgeting and fund-raising body of Cincinnati Jewry, succeeding Philip Steiner.

Herbert R. Bloch, Jr., was re-elected president of the Associated Jewish Agencies, the central planning group for eight Cincinnati Jewish health and welfare agencies. Martin M. Cohn is executive director of both of the central Jewish communal organizations.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AWARDS GRADUATE DEGREE TO RABBI IN OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi Marvin B. Tomsy, spiritual leader of Emanuel Synagogue here, received a graduate degree today from a Christian college, the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, at Enid, Okla. He was one of 10 clergymen given the degree of Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling. The nine other recipients are Christians.

Rabbi Tomsy, a native of Minneapolis, studied at the Minneapolis Talmud Torah, trained for youth leadership at Temple Beth El in Minneapolis, and later became a Conservative rabbi. Recently, the Chamber of Commerce here nominated him for the Greater Oklahoma City Outstanding Citizen Award.

DR. GLUECK AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE BY MIAMI UNIVERSITY IN OHIO

OXFORD, Ohio, June 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Nelson Glueck, Biblical archaeologist and president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, today received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Miami University here. Dr. Glueck, was cited for his religious, community and scholarly achievements.