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BONN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO COMPLETE RESTITUTION LEGISLATION IN 1963

BONN, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The official Government Bulletin reported today that West German Finance Minister Heinz Starke expressed the hope to Dr. Nahum Goldmann this week that he would be in a position in January 1963 to submit to Parliament a draft to complete both the federal restitution law and the federal compensation law.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, had last week ended three days of talks on such legislation with a statement that West German financial officials had not had such a draft ready for consideration.

The Bulletin said that Dr. Starke's Ministry, jointly with experts, was working on the drafts. Dr. Starke repeated his recent statement in Parliament in submitting his 1963 budget that the measures to complete the restitution and compensation legislation were considered a debt of honor by the federal government.

PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT LEAVES FOR VISIT TO ISRAEL

FRANKFURT, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugen Gerstenmair, president of the West German Bundestag, said today, on a radio interview here prior to his leaving for an eight-day visit to Israel, that not even West Germany's current coalition crisis was considered sufficient reason to postpone the visit.

The West German official will meet with President Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and other leading Israelis. He will lecture at Hebrew University on "Have the Germans Changed? -- Facts, Aims and Dangers."

During the interview, at the airport, he disclosed that a West German Parliamentary Commission had examined the question of whether the present tense political situation permitted the Bundestag president to leave West Germany and decided in the affirmative.

Asked about West German-Israeli diplomatic relations, Dr. Gersteinmair said he would study that matter while he was in Israel even though it was not his business to negotiate on the problem.

Dr. Gersteinmair is going to Israel at the invitation of the Israel Mission in Cologne. Because there are no diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany, a reception for him by Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz is not anticipated.

(In Israel, a number of former underground fighters organizations, Nazi victims and the rightist movement, Betar, disclosed today they planned demonstrations during the visit of Dr. Gerstenmair. The target of the demonstrations is the West German experts working, with the knowledge of West German authorities, in supplying Egypt with missiles. Banners were prepared with such slogans as "Return German Missile Experts from Egypt.")

ANTI-SEMITIC FEELINGS REPORTED STRONG AMONG MOSLEYITES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A reporter who spent ten weeks in Oswald Mosley's fascist Union Movement as an apparent bona fide member warned today that anti-Semitism was so strong among members that Mosley might have to adopt an openly anti-semitic policy as he did before World War II.

Alan Rogers of the Daily Herald noted that while there was no official policy towards Jews and that Mosley had repeatedly claimed neither he nor his movement were anti-semitic, "the truth is that the vast majority of members are using the Union Movement as a band together for their vile racialist theories and activities."

He said flatly that members of the movement were responsible for some of the recent incidents of attacks on Jewish property in London which he said were "by no means rare occurrences." He added that "the street riots we have seen already may well prove to be only the beginning of yet more vicious battles to come."

Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, told a meeting of Jewish ex-veterans here last night that he was "delighted" by the strong reaction of the British people against "the eruption of a Nazi-style clique which has disturbed us in recent months." He told the rally that "we must not meet violence or the provocation of violence with violence. We must support any legislation to restrain those who advocate racialism."

TRIAL OF 40 PERSONS, MOST OF THEM JEWS, CPENS IN SOVIET UNION

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A new mass trial of persons charged with economic crimes, with most of the 40 defendants having Jewish names, is now taking place in Kishinev, capital of the Soviet Republic of Moldavia, according to reports received here today from Moscow. Some 20 percent of Kishinev's population is Jewish.

The newspaper Sovetskaya Moldaviya reported that the defendants went on trial Friday on charges of embezzling 122,600 rubles (\$135,000) in textiles and shoe leather and with having sold these materials through government stores. Kishinev has been the scene of similar trials in which most of the defendants also were Jews.

Defendants in the current trial were reported to include 20 officials of garment and footwear factories and 17 salesmen employed by five government stores. The newspaper said D. S. Kreinetz had been named a ringleader and that he had used his alleged share in the embezzlement to buy his wife three fur coats and eight gold watches. He also was alleged to have given his wife 12,500 rubles worth of gold and to have secreted 18,000 rubles.

ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT HEARS CASE OF CONVERT WHO CLAIMS HE IS A JEW

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The question of whether a Jew can remain a Jewish national after conversion to another faith was placed today before Israel's Supreme Court for judgment.

The specific case involves an order to the Israel Ministry of the Interior to show cause why Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return should not be granted to "Brother Daniel," who, as Oswald Reifeisen, converted to Christianity in 1942 in Poland. The plaintiff came to Israel in 1959 and now lives in a Carmelite monastery in Haifa.

Testimony indicated that the Ministry had been willing to grant him naturalization as an Israeli but he insisted that citizenship be given him specifically under the Law of Return. He contended that his "Jewish nationality" was not affected by his conversion. For nearly five hours, the five justices listened to arguments of the contending attorneys before a courtroom filled to capacity by an audience which included monks and nuns.

The State Attorney, quoting from rabbinical literature, Jewish historians, sociologists, Theodor Herzl's writings and a vast file of other sources, contended that the apostate not only abandons the Jewish religion but also his people and hence separates himself from the Jewish people for whom, and only for whom, the Law of Return was enacted. He said that the State of Israel could not tell the Jews of the world that a Jew who converted to Christianity remained a Jew from the point of view of belonging to the Jewish people. He contended that an apostate abandons his people's heritage and excludes himself by the positive step of conversion.

The convert's attorney argued that the term "Jew" does not mean identification of religion and nationality and that the Law of Return did not stipulate that the term "Jew" means one professing the Jewish religion. He added that the convert gave up his Polish citizenship and came to Israel because he felt himself to be a Jewish national. In 1948, the attorney said, the convert even wanted to take part in Israel's War of Independence but was not permitted to do so by his Catholic order.

Reifeisen comes from a Polish traditional Jewish family and has a brother in a Kibbutz. He posed as a Christian during World War II and served as an interpreter in a Nazi SS unit, utilizing his post to save Jews and to work with the anti-Nazi underground. When he was discovered, he fled to a nearby nunnery where he spent some time and became a convert. Later he joined a group of Russian partisans with whom he remained until the end of the war. He speaks a fluent Hebrew.

Indications were that it would be some time before the Supreme Court handed down a decision in the unique case.

ROLE OF JEWISH VOTES IN ELECTION OF KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT ANALYZED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Jewish voters may have provided the narrow margin of victory in the 1960 election for President John F. Kennedy, pollster Oliver A. Quayle, today told an institute convened here by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Quayle is vice-president of Louis Harris & Associates, the firm that conducted the private polls for President Kennedy during the 1960 campaign. Mr. Quayle said that Jews were cool to Mr. Kennedy at the start of the 1960 campaign but later fell solidly behind him "because he was a Catholic and deserved support of a minority group, even though another minority."

It was stressed that both Catholic and Protestant support of Mr. Kennedy dropped in the last weeks of the campaign and "he may have been saved by the increase in the Jewish vote."

JERUSALEM ROAD NAMED 'WEIZMANN BOULEVARD' IN HONOR OF LATE PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The approach road to Jerusalem was today named Weizmann Boulevard in ceremonies which were part of a series of events honoring Israel's first President on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his death.

Benjamin Weizmann, son of the late President, arrived from England to take part in the ceremony in which Justice Minister Dov Joseph, Jewish National Fund president Yaakov Tsor and Jerusalem Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, also participated.

CONGRESS URGED TO DROP DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS FROM IMMIGRATION LAW

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19. (JTA) - An appeal to the United States Congress to enact "an equitable, non-discriminatory formula" for the admission of those seeking to enter the United States as immigrants was made by the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds here;

The appeal asked the Congress to assure that deportation shall not be punishment for crimes committed by an alien after lawful entry into this country. Congress was also asked to provide that, except in case of fraud committed at the time of entry or naturalization, there should be no distinction between naturalized and native-born citizens.

The Assembly commended the Congress for its enactment of a law this year which, for the first time in United States history, provides permanent legislation for the admission of certain categories of refugees outside quota restrictions. "This action is an important forward step in our immigration policies, bringing to reality what this Assembly has long advocated," the resolution stated.

However, the resolution expressed regret that the basic United States immigration statute retained the discriminatory national origins quota system, with its implications that some nations and races are superior to others. "Such a policy contrasts sharply with our ideal of equal opportunity for all, and is a serious impediment in our struggle against totalitarianism in the world."

In another resolution, Congress was also called on to enact legislation "to make equal rights and opportunities a reality." It commended Jewish local and national agencies for their actions in the fight for civil rights, and affirmed the commitment of the Assembly to equal opportunity for all Americans without discrimination on grounds of religion, color, race or national origin. "We are encouraged by the gains that have been made in the field of civil rights during the past year, but we are aware of the pressing need for more rapid progress" the resolution stated.

INTER-GROUP RELATIONS SEEN ENDANGERED BY CHURCH-STATE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Controversies over the use of public funds for religious schools may be creating an impasse "which will affect adversely our national educational system and our religious intergroup relations," the First National Institute on the responsibilities of religious freedom was told here today. The Institute is being held here under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Rev. Wendell S. Dietrich of Providence, in citing the danger, told the workshop that a Rhode Island debate over the provision of public funds for the purchase of parochial school textbooks in the Providence Catholic diocese had "stimulated certain religious tensions."

The issue was discussed also by Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, NCCJ president, in his annual report to the annual meeting of the organization's board of trustees. Dr. Jones said that a solution to such church-state problems could be brought about only "through patient and continuing conference and confrontation" among American religious groups.

He warned that failure to find "some consensus on such church-state issues as public support of parochial schools, religion and public education and Sunday closing laws, to mention but a few, pits American against American at a time when, as a nation, we should be working together as never before to combat threats to our freedom at home and abroad."

Another workshop participant, Charles R. Weiner, majority leader of the Pennsylvania Senate, said that religious groups failed to make themselves strongly felt during consideration by the Legislature of harness-racing legislation in contrast to the strong pressure brought to bear by religious groups "when the Blue laws and Sunday closing were at issue."

Mayor Arthur Naftalin of Minneapolis described the fight in his city against the Sunday closing ordinance adopted by the Minneapolis City Council this year. He called the measure "an improper invasion of personal liberty and, to the extent that it was designed for religious purposes, an improper use of our civil government."

\$7,640,000 RAISED BY CHICAGO JEWISH COMMUNITY; 1962 DRIVES CONTINUE

CHICAGO, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Chicago Jewish community has raised to date \$7,640,000 towards its 1962 Combined Jewish Appeal campaign and the Jewish Federation drive, it was announced here today in separate communications issued by Leonard Laser, general chairman of the Jewish Federation campaign.

Emphasizing the opportunities for making 1962 one of the most successful of recent years in securing the funds for overseas and local work, Mr. Laser said that as of November 15, the Combined Jewish Appeal has raised \$5,790,726, with a good deal of intensive work yet to be done for funds to be secured in the last two weeks of November and all of December. Mortimer B. Harris, Jewish Federation general chairman announced that \$1,850,000 had already been secured in direct contributions towards the \$2,447,000 goal.

Chicago, it was pointed out in the communications, is different from any other city in the United States because of the unusual methods of financing the Jewish Federation of

Metropolitan Chicago and all its medical and social welfare agencies. Chicago actually engages in two major campaigns--one for the Combined Jewish Appeal and the other for the Jewish Federation deficit.

Mr. Harris stressed that the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago secures only a part--less than one-fourth--of its \$6,000,000 budget from the Combined Jewish Appeal; about another fourth from the Community Fund of Chicago, with about 10 per cent from interest on investment funds; but the balance of \$2,447,000 must come from direct contributions to the Jewish Federation.

Mr. Harris further pointed out the fact that the total operating budgets of Jewish Federation institutions will amount to \$27,310,000 and that the \$6,000,000 to be provided by the Jewish Federation is the most critical portion of that total budget. The Jewish Federation, Mr. Harris stated, must raise another \$550,000 to meet the final deficit in the operating budgets of all Federation agencies before the end of 1962.

\$500,000 LOAN FUND FOR CANADIANS IN ISRAEL ANNOUNCED IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, president of Canada-Israel Development Limited, jointly with Mr. D. Lou Harris, chairman of the Mortgage Loan Fund Committee of the Zionist Organization of Canada, announced today the establishment of a \$500,000 Loan Fund to provide long-term, low rate mortgages on homes in Israel for Canadians settled there, and for those who are planning their Aliyah. Such mortgages have not been available through existing channels in Israel.

The National Housing Act of Canada as administered by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has been used as a model in preparing this new instrument for Canadian Zionist help to settlers in Israel who have come from Canada. This will be the first time that an instrument of this kind has been provided on this basis by any Zionist community in the world on behalf of its settlers in Israel.

The fund will be administered through the General Mortgage Bank of Israel, an affiliate of the Bank Leumi, the largest bank in Israel, with the cooperation of the Association of Canadians and Americans in Israel. Dr. Y. Foerder, the chairman of the board of directors of the bank, expressed his complete satisfaction at the establishment of this long-needed instrument on behalf of Canadian Aliyah and hoped that Zionist communities in other parts of the world would take similar action on behalf of their settlers.

This program results from years of study by the Committee on Aliyah of the Zionist Organization of Canada as to what would be the best way of helping Canadians who settled in Israel to be properly integrated and thus able to make a maximal contribution to the economy of the country.

John Devor, chairman of the Aliyah Committee, said that the \$500,000 mortgage loan fund would come from the sale of \$5,000,000 in securities, the total capitalization of Canada Israel Development, Ltd., and urged all Canadian Zionists to purchase stock "in recognition of the tremendous Zionist significance of this program."

TRUMAN PRESENTED WITH SPECIAL ISRAELI AWARD GIVEN TO WAR VETERANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman was presented here last night with a special award, the Israel War of Independence Standard, by order of Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. The Award had previously been given only to Israel army units and settlements which participated in the Israel War of Independence. Mr. Truman received the award at an Israel Commendation Dinner here sponsored by the State of Israel Bond Organization and attended by 800 persons.

Others honored with Medalion of Valor awards at the dinner were Jack Benny, General Omar N. Bradley, Van Cliburn, Dr. Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, Sol Hurok, Brigadier General S. L. A. Marshall, Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, William L. McFetridge, vice-president of the AFL-CIO, Bruce McDaniel, economist, Robert St. John and Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF DENMARK MOURNS DEATH OF PROFESSOR NIELS BOHR

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Denmark mourned today the death of Nobel Prize winner Niels Bohr whose mother was a member of the distinguished Jewish Adler family. Dr. Bohr, who was considered the world's leading physicist, died at his home here yesterday at the age of 77.

Jewish leaders recalled that when Hitler decided to terminate his "lenient" treatment of Danish Jews under the Nazi occupation, the physicist fled with his wife to Sweden and persuaded the Swedish King to offer unconditional sanctuary to all Jewish refugees from Denmark. Dr. Bohr was an honorary member of the Weizmann Institute in Israel.

EDWARD B. LAWSON, FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, DIES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Edward B. Lawson, 68, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel who played a major role in the turbulent Sinai-Suez war period of 1956, died here today. Mr. Lawson, a career foreign service officer, was named Ambassador to Israel by President Eisenhower in 1954. He was then Minister to Iceland. Israel was Mr. Lawson's last diplomatic post.