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GERMAN-ISRAEL DIPLOMATIC TIES ESTABLISHED; NOTES TO BE PUBLISHED TODAY

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- An exchange of notes establishing diplomatic relations between West Germany and Israel will be announced in a joint communique tonight, it was indicated here today.

The text of the note and the contents of an exchange of letters between Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Premier Levi Eshkol will be published tomorrow. It was indicated that the communique will be brief and that the letters will refer to the background of the formalization of relations.

No candidate has yet been chosen for the post of Israel's First Ambassador to West Germany. It was assumed that this matter would be taken up by Premier Eshkol and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, within two weeks.

Dr. Felix Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission in Cologne, is winding up his affairs in that post and returning to Israel next week. Additional talks regarding West German economic aid to Israel will be resumed later through regular diplomatic channels.

Eshkol's Letter to German Chancellor Presented in Bonn

BONN, May 12. (JTA) -- Guenther von Hase, the West German Government press spokesman, said today that the text of Premier Levi Eshkol's letter on diplomatic relations with West Germany had been handed over to Chancellor Ludwig Erhard by Dr. Felix Shinnar, the retiring head of the Israel Mission at Cologne.

The press spokesman confirmed that the texts of the exchanges of letters between the Chancellor and the Israeli Premier would be released tomorrow. He said a press conference will be held here tomorrow afternoon at which he promised to answer all questions about the agreement with Israel. Asked about appointment of an Ambassador to Israel, he said this was not a matter for the West German Cabinet and that there were no names proposed as yet.

He stressed that establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel was not directed against the Arab countries with which West Germany was interested in maintaining good relations. He reminded newsmen that 85 states have diplomatic relations with Israel and that the Arab states had neither protested nor taken any measure against those 85 countries. Thus, he said, he saw no justification for the Arab states to act against West Germany.

Iraq Breaks Relations with Germany over Recognition of Israel

However, it was simultaneously reported from Iraq that the West German Ambassador in Baghdad had been officially informed that Iraq was breaking off diplomatic relations with West Germany. It was reported that the West German flag had been removed from the West German Embassy building and that the flag of France, which will represent West German interests in Iraq, hoisted in its place.

When a West German Foreign Office spokesman was asked about the report, he said the Foreign Office had not received any announcement officially from Baghdad. It was learned meanwhile from Cairo, that Egypt will break off diplomatic relations with West Germany as soon as the Bonn-Jerusalem announcement is made. Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad said Afghanistan would represent the interests of Egypt in West Germany after relations were ended.

CHAIRMAN OF CONGRESSIONAL BODY LAUDS JEWISH WITNESSES ON RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Rep. Edna Kelly, chairman of the subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, which for the last three days has been conducting hearings on proposals that Congress condemn Soviet anti-Semitism, today commended the leaders of American Jewry who have been testifying here on those proposals.

Mrs. Kelly and another subcommittee member, Rep. James G. Fulton, who conducted most of the questioning of witnesses at yesterday's session, emphasized today that the witnesses had given "excellent advice" to Congress, and agreed specifically with those witnesses who had advised that "firmer action on the part of the U. S. Government" is needed on this issue.

DR. GOLDMANN SEEKS EARLY ACTION BY GERMANY ON INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, May 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann said here today that improvements in West German indemnification laws were an urgent matter which should be approved at the current session of the West German Parliament.

To achieve this, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the amendment would have to be approved this month by the Government and in the Bundestag, the lower house, and at the beginning of June by the Bundesrat, the upper chamber.

He said he had not been able to persuade West German officials to remove the deadline for filing of individual claims for compensation by victims of the Nazi era. The present cut-off date is October 1, 1953. That deadline has barred filing of claims of thousands of Jewish victims who were trapped in Iron Curtain countries at the time, and who have since been free to file.

Dr. Goldmann said that he hoped the "hardship fund" West Germany has set up for compensation on a smaller scale to such victims would be a higher amount than the Government has suggested. The Government has proposed a fund of 700,000,000 marks (\$175,000,000). Dr. Goldmann said he had asked for a much larger sum.

It was indicated that Finance Minister Rolf Dahngruen is reluctant to increase the amount. Dr. Goldmann said a decision would be made by the Government, that he believed that Chancellor Ludwig Erhard was a man of good will, and that an agreement would be reached.

Government press chief Karl-Guenther von Hase had announced after Dr. Goldmann's talks with the Chancellor that the Chancellor had made no promises to Dr. Goldmann about indemnification. Dr. Goldmann confirmed that statement, but added that this did not mean that the Government would do nothing. Dr. Goldmann said that the necessary proposals would have to be put to the Government, and that the latter would then have to approve.

Payment Offer of German Government Termed 'Totally Unacceptable'

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, called on the West German Government last night to implement "a final act of recompense" by making adequate payments to victims of Nazism who could not escape from Iron Curtain countries in time to file restitution applications. Under the present German law, such applications could be validated only if they were filed by October 1, 1953. An amendment to extend that cut-off date is pending now in the West German Parliament.

Dr. Prinz criticized the Bonn Government for a proposal to set aside a special "hardship fund," of \$175,000,000, to compensate these post-1953 applicants. Such a fund, he said, would be "totally unacceptable," since it would provide only about a third of the required monies. He insisted that Germany set up, instead a plan for compensating the Nazi victims under an "equitable system of payments."

ANTI-SEMITIC SPY GROUP UNCOVERED IN STOCKHOLM; ARRESTS MADE

STOCKHOLM, May 12. (JTA) -- An armed Nazi anti-Semitic sabotage and spy group was uncovered yesterday by Stockholm police who arrested five leaders, including Bjoern Lundahl, Sweden's top Nazi. Two arms caches also were found.

Police said that Lundahl allegedly spied for the Egyptian Embassy here, submitting information on the Israel Embassy and data on staff lectures at the Embassy, as well as information on Zionist activities, Jewish fund-raising, immigration and emigration. The Nazi also allegedly provided biographies of Jewish and non-Jewish Zionists in Sweden.

The police said they had found a list of 100 members of the Nazi group, and said they anticipated further arrests. The leaders face six to 10 years' imprisonment if they are convicted. The Swedish Cabinet discussed the matter yesterday. The gang operated under cover of the notorious Nazi Foundation Central Library in Stockholm, police reported.

GERMAN COURT OFFICIALS ARRIVE IN CANADA TO HEAR TESTIMONY FROM JEWS

MONTREAL, May 12. (JTA) -- A group from the Dusseldorf War Crimes Court arrived in Montreal today prepared to hear testimony in connection with the Nazi murder of Jews during the Second World War. A member of the court and a representative of the West German Government of Dusseldorf accompanied the group, made up largely of lawyers of accused persons.

The Montreal hearing will be held at the West German Consulate. It is believed only one witness is to appear here. The group will then go to New York and later to Caracas, Venezuela, for similar sittings. Witnesses to be heard in each city are those who did not appear before the court trying 10 former Treblinka concentration camp staff members for alleged complicity in the Nazi murder of 6,000,000 Jews.

U. J. A. CALLS ON COMMUNITY LEADERS TO SPARK CASH COLLECTION DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- An intensive nationwide drive, headed by Philip Zinman, of Camden, N. J., to raise \$40,000,000 in cash by June 30 to meet critical financial needs of the United Jewish Appeals' constituent agencies, got under way today, it was announced by Max M. Fisher, national UJA General Chairman.

Mr. Fisher also announced that a group of "dedicated and energetic leaders," representing every region in the United States, has joined the UJA National Cash Committee, under Mr. Zinman's chairmanship, to direct the \$40,000,000 cash collection effort. Mr. Zinman is a UJA national chairman.

He appealed to leaders of Jewish community fund campaigns throughout the country to "give your personal example and exert all your influence to collect the maximum amount of cash from pledges to the 1965 drive." The UJA head also urged that the bulk of the cash be collected by the time of the special meeting of the UJA national campaign cabinet to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, on June 23.

Two serious developments have coincided to create a cash emergency, Mr. Fisher revealed. First, he stressed, was the mounting overseas needs confronting all the UJA-supported relief, refugee and immigration programs conducted by the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Hias Service and the New York Association for New Americans. Second, he said, was the ending of funds made available to Jewish assistance organizations by German reparations payments.

Mr. Fisher pointed out that the JDC, the UJA constituent agency which provides welfare services for 400,000 needy Jews overseas, no longer is receiving German reparations payments, which averaged \$7,000,000 annually for the past decade. "This lost sum," he stressed, "represented 25 percent of the JDC's yearly budget. It is up to the Jews of the United States to make good this heavy loss of funds, so that a slowdown in aid programs, and the consequent human suffering, can be averted."

ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATOR SEEKS POLITICAL COMEBACK IN QUEBEC AREAS

QUEBEC, May 12. (JTA) -- Jewish spokesmen said today that Adrian Arcand, one of the most notorious anti-Semitic agitators in Quebec in the mid-thirties, apparently was starting a comeback here after years of silence. About 150 persons attended a rally of the "National Unity of Canada Party" at which Arcand delivered a harangue composed of most of the canards spread throughout Canada before World War II by Nazi agents.

Arcand distributed vast quantities of anti-Semitic material, organized many parades and made many inflammatory speeches from 1935 until a few weeks before the start of World War II in 1939, when he was prosecuted under the Canadian War Measures Act and interned. After his release from internment, he sued the Canadian Government for \$250,000 damages for alleged false arrest and wrongful imprisonment. He charged in his suit that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Jewish Congress "conspired" to have him interned. The suit never came to trial.

SUSPENDED CANADIAN TEACHER WHO GLORIFIED HITLER ASKS JEWISH FORGIVENESS

MONTREAL, May 12. (JTA) -- Brother Rene Lahaie, suspended seventh-grade teacher in a Catholic elementary school here, who had been formally "removed" from his post for displaying a photograph of Hitler and a swastika in his classroom, "explained" the incident to the Canadian Jewish community today, and asked to be "forgiven for having tolerated the inconsiderate use of symbols and dramatizations which are so charged with painful memories."

The teacher's letter, saying that he and his superiors had been the "victims of one-sided and subjective and prejudiced information," had been sent to the Canadian Jewish Congress. Joining the teacher in the letter were his former principal, who has been suspended indefinitely, and the director of the school commission in charge of his school, who has been assigned to other duties.

The CJC replied to the signers of the letter that it is acquainting the Jewish community leadership with "the friendly spirit" of their letter. Congress also asserted it is confident that an independent board set up by the Montreal Catholic School Commission to prove the incident "will take such action as it deems required under the circumstances."

CANADIAN GROUPS JOIN JEWISH CONGRESS IN OPPOSING RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

TORONTO, May 12. (JTA) -- The Canadian Association for Civil Liberties joined the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Ethical Education Association today in disapproving religious instruction in the public schools of the Province of Ontario.

Testifying before the Royal Commission on Civil Rights, a representative of the Canadian Association declared that religious instruction in the public schools must be opposed "because of its sectarian nature, because it divides children by faiths, and because it is unfair to children of minority faiths."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON PROCLAIMS ELLIS ISLAND A U. S. HISTORIC SHRINE

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- President Johnson proclaimed yesterday Ellis Island, through which millions of immigrant Jews passed en route to American settlement, a United States historic shrine. In issuing the proclamation at a White House ceremony, the President declared that he hoped the present Congress "will draw on the lessons of Ellis Island and enact legislation to provide America with a wise immigration policy adapted to the needs of the 1960's."

The proclamation officially made Ellis Island a part of New York Harbor's Statue of Liberty National Monument. The President also announced he was asking Congress for funds to make the island "a handsome shrine" to commemorate the fact that 16,000,000 immigrants entered the United States between 1892 and 1954 when it was closed for immigration processing.

A number of noted American Jews who passed through Ellis Island as immigrants, were cited by name by the President at the ceremony. He mentioned Irving Berlin, David Dubinsky, Justice Felix Frankfurter, Jacob Potosky, Admiral Hyman Rickover--who was present at the ceremony--David Sarnoff and others. Referring to bills proposed by his administration, which would abolish the present national origins quota system, the President said "this long overdue change" should be enacted "without further delay."

N. Y. STATE ASSEMBLY VOTES TO PROVIDE TEXTBOOKS FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

ALBANY, N. Y., May 12. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly approved overwhelmingly yesterday a bill to allow school boards in the state to provide textbooks to students of private and religious schools after heated debate which involved the continuing split among Jewish organizations over such state aid.

The Ferrall-Mangano-Spano Textbook bill, introduced by Assemblyman William Ferrall, Brooklyn Democrat, was passed by 117 to 29. Among foes of the measure was the American Jewish Congress, which joined in arguments that the bill would violate the state constitutional ban on government aid to religion.

Supporters, who included a number of Orthodox Jewish groups which sponsor a network of Jewish day schools attended by 41,000 pupils in the state, contended that the textbooks would be loaned to students, not to schools. The Orthodox groups included the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Agudath Israel of America, Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States, and other Jewish religious organizations.

JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS CONVENTION CLOSES WITH RESOLUTIONS ON ARABS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 12. (JTA) -- A resolution deploring the Arab boycott against Israel, and endorsing a bill pending now in Congress to prohibit restrictive trade practices affecting Americans, such as the practices of the Arab Boycott Office, was adopted unanimously here today at the concluding session of the 36th annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

The convention, in session since Sunday, was attended by 700 delegates representing 350 Conservative congregations. It elected Manny London, of Chicago, as president, succeeding S. David Rosenzweig, of Philadelphia, who was named honorary president.

Another resolution endorsed the efforts of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which is attempting to work out "humane slaughter" practices that would be acceptable to Jewish ritual procedures in the slaughter of animals. The Federation warned, however, that no procedures for "humane slaughter" of small animals have, as yet, been devised.

CINCINNATI CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISE TEMPLE BUILDING

CINCINNATI, May 12. (JTA) -- With impressive services attended by leading members of the Jewish and general community, Cincinnati celebrated today the 100th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the sanctuary of the Isaac M. Wise Temple.

The Temple, 123 years old, is named after the late Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, founder of the Reform movement in the United States. Today's ceremonies inaugurated a series of events, to be conducted until August 1965, honoring the Temple. Principal participants in today's ceremonies were Abraham S. Braude, president of the congregation; James L. Magrish, chairman of the centenary celebration; and Isidor Schifrin, secretary of the committee and chairman of the public relations committee.

MAJOR SIR BRUNEL COHEN, FAMED JEWISH VETERAN, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- Major Sir Brunel Cohen, a famed Jewish legless veteran of the First World War, and member of the House of Commons for 13 years, died here yesterday at the age of 79. Born in Liverpool, Major Cohen lost both legs in action in the war. He was elected to Parliament in 1918 and after his retirement from the House in 1931 he held various Government posts. He was knighted in 1943.