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BUNDESTAG ADOPTS BILL DEFERRING COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

BCNN, Dec. 9; (JTA) -- The bill curtailing the 1966 federal budget -- which includes deferment of compensation payments to about 150,000 Jewish victims of Nazism -- was adopted today by the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German Parliament;

The bill would postpone for at least a year payment of a \$50,000,000 installment due during 1966 to these victims under a new law enacted only last May. The affected category is made up of Nazi victims who were unable to file by the original West German compensation deadline of October 1953 because they were then in Iron Curtain countries. The special May law set up a \$300,000,000 "hardship fund" to compensate these victims, with \$50,000,000 installments to be paid out in each of the next two years, 1966 and 1967.

The Bundestag adopted the budget curtailment bill against the opposition of the Social Democratic Party; Alex Moeller, a Social Democratic member of Parliament, protested against the decision, telling the House that Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, who had signed the May legislation, "should have foreseen this matter" prior to the elections. The Chancellor's party was returned to power in the general elections held in October. Mr. Moeller told Parliament that "the saving of money from the indemnification of persecutees is a politically and constitutionally doubtful step."

Jewish organizations, particularly the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, denounced the bill while it was pending, and threatened to appeal against it to the West German Constitutional Court, the highest tribunal in the country, on the grounds of unconstitutionality.

Now that the Bundestag has adopted the bill, it must be sent to Parliament's upper house, the Bundesrat. That house, however, has already seen the bill, which was sponsored by the Government. After a single reading in the Bundesrat, and its approval there, the draft must go to President Heinrich Lübke for signature. However, the President has no veto power and, under the constitution, must sign the measure.

Finally, the bill must be signed by Chancellor Erhard -- who will certainly favor it, since his Government sponsored the bill. Then the bill will become law after it is published in the Official Gazette, unless flaws are found in the measure. An appeal to the Constitutional Court can be taken only after the bill has become law, 14 days after publication in the Official Gazette.

Bonn Sets Deadline for Filing Additional Claims by Nazi Victims

BONN, Dec. 9; (JTA) -- The West German Government warned today that victims of Nazism who had filed indemnification claims prior to the expiration of the filing deadline under the Federal Indemnification Law, of April 1, 1958, and wish to file additional claims, have only until December 31 of this year to enter the new claims.

Previously, there had been no time limit on the filing of additional claims by persons in that category. Now, however, it was emphasized that there is a time limit, which will expire at the end of the 1965 calendar year.

ESHKOL SAYS HE FEELS 'WELL'; HOPES TO CONCLUDE TALKS ON NEW CABINET

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9; (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol told reporters today in Hadassah Hospital -- where he has been under observation for exhaustion since last Saturday -- that he feels "well" and hopes "to conclude negotiations for formation of a new coalition and to present a wide government in time."

The Premier told the newsmen jokingly that his presence in the hospital was a "fine" for not taking a vacation rest three weeks ago at the close of the election campaign in which his Mafai-Achdut Avoda alignment slate won a resounding victory.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, acting on the Premier's behalf, called on Moshe Shapira, the National Religious Party leader, in another effort to persuade the religious bloc to join the new coalition. The NRP is a member of the outgoing coalition which is now in a caretaker status pending formation of a new Government.

NRP sources said Mr. Shapira did not give Mrs. Meir a definite reply but it was reported that chances of the religious bloc joining the coalition had increased in recent days and that a compromise may be found even on religious bloc demands for a national Sabbath law.

U. J. A. CPENS ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE; MAPS OBJECTIVES FOR 1966

NEW YORK, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- The 28th annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal opened here tonight to discuss fundraising objectives of the UJA for the coming year. The conference, attended by 2,500 community leaders from all parts of the country, will last four days.

Baron Guy de Rothschild of France is heading a delegation of top Jewish leaders from eight of the larger Jewish communities in the free world who also will participate. They include Israel M. Sieff of Great Britain, Samuel Bronfman of Canada, Djamsid Kashfi of Iran, Gregorio Faigon of Argentina, Dr. Astorre Mayer of Italy, Dr. Ediel J. Horwitz of South Africa, and Dr. Israel Goldstein of Israel. The major budgetary presentations will be made by Louis A. Pincus of Jerusalem, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Charles H. Jordan, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Addressing tonight's opening dinner, Jacob Blaustein, senior vice president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, said that the loss of many millions in West German reparations payments has created "a major gap in the global budget of Jewish needs." Mr. Blaustein, who is also honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, was unable to deliver his prepared address due to the death of his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Blaustein, in Baltimore yesterday. It was read for him by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman. Other speakers at the opening dinner were Baron Rothschild, Mr. Sieff, and Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York. Max M. Fisher of Detroit, UJA general chairman, presided.

"The termination of German reparations funds confronts the Jewish world with major difficulties of great magnitude," Mr. Blaustein told the UJA leaders. He cited the total loss to Jewish organizations and to the State of Israel, which carries the greatest burden of Jewish immigrant absorption, at \$77,000,000 as follows:

1. The Joint Distribution Committee no longer receives some \$7,000,000 in annual allocations from German reparations funds; 2. The Jewish Agency for Israel has lost about \$10,000,000 in annual payments formerly allocated from reparations to the Israel Government received from West Germany; 3. The Government of Israel is no longer receiving \$50,000,000 in annual goods and services as material reparations from Germany which formerly made a major contribution to Israel's economic development.

"It is obvious, therefore," Mr. Blaustein emphasized, "that the United Jewish Appeal has no recourse but to appeal urgently for increased financial support to make up these lost sums."

Baron Rothschild Lauds U. J. A. Contribution to Jewish Life in France

Baron Rothschild, president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the French-Jewish welfare organization, termed the rapid recovery of Jewish communal life in France and other countries in Europe since the end of the Second World War "a miracle made possible by the vast contributions of American Jews to the United Jewish Appeal."

Mr. Sieff, who is honorary president of the Joint Palestine Appeal of Great Britain, declared that "the Jewish people have a responsibility for Israel's fullest development." He reminded the delegates that a national homeland for the Jewish people had been written and talked about by eminent British men and women for almost a century before Dr. Chaim Weizmann persuaded the British Government to promulgate the Balfour Declaration of 1917 which eventually resulted in independent statehood for Israel.

Sen. Javits declared that "Americans do not wish to see the Egyptian or any other people go hungry." "Yet," he stressed, "there must be questions raised as to whether American aid will have the ultimate effect of bolstering President Nasser's international adventuring at the expense of world peace and security and of the U.A.R.'s own domestic economy. I have urged the President that the Administration and the State Department ask these questions and get the answers before further aid is extended to the U.A.R."

Military Leaders of U. S. , Britain and France to Be Honored

The UJA Conference will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe and the liberation of the survivors of Hitler's concentration camps by honoring three great generals who led the armies of the United States, Great Britain and France to victory over the Nazi forces:

The military leaders to be honored, at the Saturday evening banquet session, are former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, General of the Army of the United States and Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force; Great Britain's Field Marshal, The Earl Alexander of Tunis, and General Pierre Koenig, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Forces; General Lucius D. Clay, Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces in Occupied Germany, will represent Gen. Eisenhower, who is prevented by his

illness from attending the dinner. "It is indeed fitting that we pay honor to the commander who won deliverances of all people from Nazi bondage," Max M. Fisher told a press conference earlier in the day. "And it is especially fitting for us to mark V-E Day, for in the two ensuing decades the American Jewish community, through its staunch support of the UJA, took the major role in restoring the shattered communities of Europe, saving and rebuilding 3,000,000 Jewish lives, bringing 1,373,000 homeless Jews of Europe and hopeless Jews of Moslem lands to haven in Israel, and resettling another 353,000 in other free lands."

The press conference was attended by the top Jewish leaders from the overseas countries who answered questions on the status of their communities. Some of these communities have and are playing a major role in extending aid to less fortunate Jews elsewhere, while others still continue to require major help.

J.D.C. MEETING TO ADOPT 1966 BUDGET TODAY; WILL ELECT NEW LEADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- More than 400 Jewish community leaders from the United States and Canada will assemble here tomorrow for the 51st annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today by JDC chairman Edward M. M. Warburg. The Jewish leaders, who comprise the JDC National Council, will review the agency's activities during the past year and will adopt a welfare and rehabilitation program to aid over 400,000 needy Jews overseas in 1966.

The meeting will feature a special survey of overseas needs and a round-up of JDC's welfare operations in 30 countries around the world by Mr. Warburg. The assembled Jewish leaders will then adopt a budget for 1966 and elect new officers. Following its adoption, the budget will be submitted to the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which opened here tonight and will extend through Sunday. JDC receives most of its funds from the campaigns of the UJA.

A report on JDC's activities in 1965, to be submitted to the meeting by Charles H. Jordan, JDC director-general, shows that, despite the loss of almost \$7,000,000 in West German reparations money in 1965, JDC has aided more than 413,000 persons during the year. These preliminary figures, compiled in July, include 97,000 in Israel, more than 78,000 in Europe, over 57,000 in Moslem countries and more than 5,000 in other countries. In addition, some 175,000 were aided by relief-in-transit programs crossing geographical boundaries.

Various Forms of Aid to 413,000 Persons Given by JDC in 1965

The aid, the report says, took various forms, including cash relief for 38,515 persons; food for 50,075; medical aid to 33,315; aid to 1,715 in children's homes and milk centers and 4,555 in homes for the aged, to schools and kindergartens with 44,030 children, and to cultural and religious programs serving 31,040 persons.

Nearly 720,000 pounds of matzoh and matzoh meal were sent during the year to Jewish communities overseas -- compared to a total of 370,000 in 1964. The increase, he said, was due almost entirely to the fact that in 1965, JDC was permitted to ship nearly 400,000 pounds of Passover foods to Jews in Eastern Europe. Nearly 125,000 pounds were shipped to Jewish refugees in France. Other countries where Jewish communities were given Passover supplies were Albania, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Yugoslavia.

In Israel, North Africa and Iran, the report states, JDC made special grants to people on relief to enable them to buy matzoh locally. In Poland, where matzoh is baked by the religious congregations with equipment provided several years ago by JDC, grants were made to congregations to provide matzoh to needy families.

Other JDC programs in 1965 included aid to ORT which had enrolled in the first six months of 1965 a total of 28,298 students in JDC-supported CRT vocational schools and courses in Israel, Europe and the Moslem countries; and loan institutions which, in the first half of 1965, included 33 such agencies sponsored by JDC in 17 countries. These agencies granted 2,365 loans amounting to \$1,653,611. The report also notes that, during the first six months in 1965, JDC distributed more than 6,500,000 pounds of food contributed by the United States Government under the U. S. Food for Peace program.

JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH SCOTLAND YARD ON ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS

LONDON, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- Scotland Yard officials promised today that special arrangements would be made in an area of North London to prevent a repetition of an incident last Friday in which two Jewish youths were attacked by a gang of unidentified men. One of the victims received many stab wounds and Jews in the area were reported concerned.

The promise was made to John Dight, chairman of the defense committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Mr. Dight headed a Board delegation which met with senior Scotland Yard officials. The Jewish leaders were told that both the local police force and Scotland Yard viewed the attack, and other incidents in the area, with "extreme seriousness."

ISRAEL AND EGYPT WANT U. N. FORCES RETAINED AS BARRIER BETWEEN THEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 9: (JTA) -- Israel has made it clear to the United Nations Secretariat that it opposes any idea of either evacuating or drastically curbing the operations of the United Nations Emergency Force, it was learned here today.

The issue came up today because a special commission appointed by Secretary-General U. Thant is currently investigating the operations and budget of the Force, which stands on guard on the border of the Gaza Strip and at Sharm el-Sheikh, in Egypt's Sahar Desert, overlooking the Gulf of Akabah. The special commission is due to report its findings to Mr. Thant within the next few days.

Israel's stand regarding UNEF has been voiced in a continuing series of conference between its delegation here and the Secretariat. Israel's view has been spelled out as on holding that UNEF has been an important factor in the prevention of border incidents between Egypt and Israel since the Force was established in 1956. Egypt also wants UNEF retained. The General Assembly's Budgetary and Administrative Committee is due to discuss the UNEF finances soon.

ISRAEL SEEKS TO RESTRICT ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO NEW IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- Amendments to Israel's passport law were presented to Parliament today under which new immigrants would be able to obtain an Israeli passport only after a year's residence and authorizing the Government to withdraw passports of certain categories of Israelis living permanently abroad.

The amendments were prepared to prevent misuse of passports by immigrants who come to Israel only for a stay long enough to enable them to attain citizenship and who then seek passports to re-emigrate. However, some observers expressed concern that the amendment on Israelis living abroad would give the Government undue authority against citizens engaging in activities overseas which the Government might dislike.

50,000 ISRAELI CHILDREN COMPETE FOR REDUCED FEES IN HIGH SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- Fifty thousand pupils in the top grade of Israel's elementary schools began today the "Seker" examination to determine which ones will have the right to reduced fees in high schools.

Those who do not pass will have to transfer to vocational schools because the existing high schools are overcrowded. The examination, which is standard for all the pupils, includes a variety of topics, including the Bible.

RAFAEL KOCHAV NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN-ISRAELI SHIPPING CO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- The appointment of Rafael Kochav as vice-president of the American-Israeli Shipping Co., Inc., owners representatives in North America of the Zim Israel Navigation Co., Ltd. and associated lines, was announced today by Mr. Gottlieb Hammer, president of A.ISCC.

Mr. Kochav, who was born in Vienna and educated in Europe, joined the Zim Lines in 1953 as manager of the company's Jerusalem office. In 1960 he was assigned to Zim's office in London where he served as representative for the United Kingdom and Continental services. In 1964, Mr. Kochav was appointed executive vice-president of Mediterranean Agencies, Inc., of New York, General Agents for the Zim Lines and associated lines, a post that he will continue to hold.

'TIMES SQUARE' RENAMED FOR A DAY IN HONOR OF JEWISH FRATERNAL ORDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- New York's famed Times Square was renamed "Workmen's Circle" for today to mark the 65th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish fraternal order. Mayor Robert F. Wagner today designated Sunday as Workmen's Circle Day and a celebration of the anniversary will be held in Hunter College Auditorium on Sunday afternoon.

MRS. HENRIETTA G. BLAUSTEIN, NOTED PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9: (JTA) -- Mrs. Henrietta G. Blaustein, widow of Louis Blaustein and mother of Jacob Blaustein, prominent American Jewish leader, died here yesterday at the age of 95. Born in Riga, Mrs. Blaustein came to the United States when she was 14 years old and was married to the late Mr. Blaustein in 1891.

After her husband's death in 1937, Mrs. Blaustein continued his philanthropy to many Jewish causes. She was also a major donor to the Blaustein Building for Obstetrics and Gynecology at Sinai Hospital here and the Blaustein Auditorium at Chev Shalom Congregation.