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GERMAN MINISTER AGREES ON PRIORITIES IN PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Dr. Rolf Dahlgren, West Germany's Minister of Finance, agreed provisionally to give priority in 1966 indemnification payments, due victims of Nazism, to certain categories of claimants. But he insisted that victims who could not file claims prior to October 1, 1953, because they were still captives in countries behind the Iron Curtain, would have their 1966 payments severely restricted, due to the Government's budget deficiencies.

The provisional agreement was made at a meeting with representatives of various organizations of victims of Nazism, including the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The delegation that called on Dr. Dahlgren protested vigorously against a recent amendment to the German Indemnification Law which would have delayed 1966 and 1967 payments to the "post-1953" group of indemnification claimants. Included in that group are about 150,000 claimants who are Jews.

As a result of the meeting, Dr. Dahlgren agreed to divide the various types of claims into two categories, one having priority, the other labeled "non-priority." The provisional agreement calls for priority payments in 1966, without cuts or deferments, to claimants who are 65 years or over; claims for medical treatments; and victims of Nazism entitled to pensions or annuities.

The Finance Minister placed the "post-1953" claimants in the "non-priority" category, as well as some other claimants such as those who claim indemnification for having their education interrupted by Nazi persecutions. These claimants will be eligible in 1966 to a flat payment of 5,000 Deutschmarks (\$1,225) each, plus a 40 percent payment of their total individual claims.

GOVERNMENT THREAT ENDS STRIKE OF OIL INDUSTRY WORKERS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- A 24-hour strike of workers employed by two oil distributing firms, which threatened to shut off oil supplies from Israeli transportation and industry, ended this evening after Minister of Labor Yigal Allon threatened to invoke emergency measures authorizing him to draft the striking workers. The Cabinet had voted such authorization to the Minister of Labor at its session yesterday.

The strikers had demanded higher wages. The firms affected were Paz and Delek. The third oil distributing company in Israel, Solel, was not involved.

At a meeting with the workers' committee this evening, Mr. Allon told the group he would invoke the emergency mobilization measures by tomorrow morning, unless the walk-out were ended. In return, he promised that the workers' wage demands would be considered immediately after a general wage policy is established by the Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor.

The Delek workers accepted his ultimatum and promised to return to work immediately, while the Paz employees said they would have their membership vote on the Allon proposals tomorrow. It was fully expected that the Paz employees would follow the line adopted by their colleagues at Delek.

When the strike became effective last night, there were wide fears that fuel shortages would affect industry and transportation seriously by tomorrow except at Lydda Airport, where the strikers were willing to supply fuel to airplanes. Lines of Israelis formed today before all oil distributing centers, trying to stock oil before the supply ran out.

Histadrut Worried Over Rises in Taxes and Cost of Living

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Increased taxes, rising costs of many Israeli products and services, and predictions of further price increases that would affect the Israeli consumer, were discussed here today by the leadership of the Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor. At today's meeting of the Histadrut's Central Committee, a decision

was made to ask the Israel Finance Minister to arrange a meeting to discuss the situation with the various Ministries involved, including the Ministries of the Interior, Commerce and Industry and Transport;

The immediate cause of concern was a resolution adopted yesterday by the Central Committee of the Union of Municipalities, calling for the doubling of local taxes by all municipalities and other local governments in the country. The 100 percent increase was voted, according to the group, to cover the higher costs of municipal and other local government services; Tuition fees in Israel's secondary schools have already been increased, a hike in bus fares is anticipated, and many farm products have risen in price;

SEVEN NON-MEMBERS OF ZIONIST GROUPS NAMED FOR JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- The cooption into the Jewish Agency executive of seven personalities who are not members of Zionist groups was approved today by the standing committee of the Zionist Actions Committee which is meeting here; They will all have full voting rights in the executive.

The Americans among them are: Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond organization; Dr. Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency, Inc.; Prof. Simon Greenberg, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, assistant to the president of Yeshiva University; and Rabbi Roland B. Gittelson, of Temple Israel, a Reform congregation in Boston.

Two Europeans added by cooption to the executive are Lord Sieff, of Britain; and Dr. Astorre Mayer, president of the Jewish community of Milan, Italy. One or two members from Latin America are to be added later, it was announced.

GOLDA MEIR REVIEWS HER CAREER; RECALLS HER AMBASSADORSHIP TO MOSCOW

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's retired Foreign Minister, took stock of her many years in the leadership of Israel Government affairs, and identified two events as the highlights of her career: One was her being among the signatories to Israel's Declaration of Independence, in 1948. The other was her appointment as Israel's first Ambassador to the Soviet Union. She reviewed her career at a luncheon tendered in her honor by a committee of Israeli editors here.

"Standing at the crossroads of my life," she told the assembled editors, "I see that I have always tried to abide by certain principles. I see that nothing was owed to me for my being a servant of the people. The concept that society has obligations to a public servant -- whether to the position or to the title -- has been entirely alien to me. I have also noted that some people attach too much importance to their own deeds."

Referring to her Ambassadorship to Moscow, which she called "a great privilege," Mrs. Meir noted the "great impact" on Soviet Jewry caused by her arrival in the Soviet capital as Israel's first envoy. "That impact," she said, "was not due to the fact that my name was Golda. They probably never heard of me before. I, as Israel's first representative to their country, had been the privileged instrument. It could have been anyone -- even a broomstick."

Mrs. Meir remains a member of the Knesset. Her post as Foreign Minister has now been taken over by Abba Eban, formerly the Israel Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations, later Minister of Education, finally the Deputy Prime Minister. Mr. Eban announced that, next month, he will pay a 12-day visit to the United States and to Europe.

In the U. S. A., Mr. Eban will lecture at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and will receive an honorary doctorate from Temple University, also in Philadelphia. He will appear before several functions to be conducted by Jewish organizations, and will visit the United Nations headquarters in New York. On his tour, he will confer with a number of foreign ministers and other statesmen in both the U. S. A. and Europe.

LEBANON ARRESTS PALESTINE ARABS TO PREVENT THEIR ANTI-ISRAEL PLAN

LONDON, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Two Palestinian Arabs are under arrest in a Lebanese prison to prevent their participation in a commando raid against Israel, it was reported here today from Beirut.

The arrest of the Arabs was disclosed by a Lebanese Army spokesman who displayed the two prisoners to show that they were in good health after the death of a third prisoner, also arrested to prevent his infiltrating into Israel, gave rise to allegations that the prisoners were tortured.

The Lebanese spokesman said that the third prisoner, Jalal Kaawash, died after jumping from a window of an army headquarters building. On hearing of the man's death last week, Syrian and Palestinian demonstrators in Damascus hailed Kaawash as a "hero and martyr" and denounced "traitors and treason" in the Arab dispute with Israel.

JEWISH DELEGATION ASKS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO CURB HATE PROPAGANDA

MONTREAL, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- A delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress, led by Saul Hayes, executive vice-president, called on Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, in Ottawa to reiterate the concern of the Jewish community over the spread of hate propaganda, and to ask for effective steps to be taken to curb it;

Mr. Martin, who is also Acting Prime Minister in the absence of Lester B. Pearson, indicated that the Government is studying the entire matter and will soon publicize the report which was submitted to the Government by the Special Committee of seven experts, headed by Dean Maxwell Cohen of McGill University, following which the Government will make its decision.

The delegation also submitted to Mr. Martin, as Secretary of State for External Affairs, a request that Canada ratify the international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial intolerance, which was recently adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

HENRY FORD II ADDRESSES JEWISH LEADERS; LAUDS UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

CHICAGO, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Henry Ford II, chairman of the Ford Motor Co., praised the United Jewish Appeal for demonstrating "the value of private, voluntary aid in meeting the needs of people outside our own national borders." He spoke at the United Jewish Appeal Midwest Leadership Institute held here yesterday.

"Voluntary giving is more than an expression of compassion or a demonstration of democracy's ideals," he said. "It is a frame of mind that is essential to democracy itself. A people who are willing to turn all their problems over to government have lost the will to govern themselves."

American business should stop being indecisive about its social responsibilities, Mr. Ford stated. "Decisiveness is the stamp of the successful businessman and I suggest that there be no further hesitancy about plunging our businesses wholeheartedly and unapologetically into the social and public stream. As I see it, there is no longer anything to reconcile between the social conscience and the profit motive."

The Institute, the traditional springboard for the annual UJA national drive in the Midwest, also heard Max M. Fisher of Detroit, UJA general chairman; Israel's Ambassador to Canada Gershon Avner; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman; Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman and director general of the Joint Distribution Committee; and Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, chairman of the UJA's Israel Education Fund. Leonard Laser of Chicago served as chairman of the Institute which was attended by 900 Jewish leaders from this area.

64 JEWISH FAMILIES, AIDED BY UNITED HIAS, ARRIVE BY AIR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Sixty four Jewish families totalling 171 men, women and children -- the largest number of United Hias assisted migrants and refugees ever to arrive by air in one day -- landed at Kennedy Airport in two chartered jet planes from Rome and from Vienna via Paris. The newcomers, from Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, include a Cuban family who came here via Western Europe with United Hias aid.

All the refugees will be resettled in this country in 14 states from coast to coast and the District of Columbia. Many of the refugees will find new homes in New York City with the help of the New York Association for New Americans. Others will be resettled in Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Jersey City, Miami, Lakewood, N.J., Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Newark, Oakland, Paterson, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Syracuse, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington. Local Jewish resettlement agencies will assist in the integration of the newcomers.

Among the trades and professions represented by the refugees are auto mechanic, baker, bookkeeper, carpenter, chemist, cosmetician, dye worker, economist, engineer, hairdresser, machinist, pharmacist, physician, rabbi, salesman, shoemaker, singer, tailor, and typographer, according to James P. Rice, United Hias executive director.

ISRAEL BOND NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR 1966 TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- The 1966 campaign for Israel Bonds will be formally launched at an Inaugural Conference to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami from Friday, February 18 through Sunday, February 20, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization.

The Inaugural Conference will be preceded by a planning session of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami one week earlier. Presided over by Louis H. Boyar, chairman of the Board of Governors, the planning conference will draw up a program for the widest possible sale of Israel Bonds in the coming year.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN BRAZIL AIDING VICTIMS OF RIO FLOODS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Jewish organizations, prominent Jewish individuals and firms operated by Jews continued today to distinguish themselves in aiding the 40,000 residents of this city who were made homeless and hit hard otherwise by the catastrophic rain storm and floods that hit Rio de Janeiro last week. At least 200 persons lost their lives, hundreds of others were injured, and many thousands, mostly Negroes inhabiting the affected section of the city, were the chief sufferers.

Aid was given during the height of the occurrence by the Pioneer Women; Hebraica, a Jewish club; the synagogue of Central European Jews; the Jewish Hospital and a number of Jewish schools; The Bloch Publishing House, operated by Jews, announced today it would build at least five residences for those who had lost their shelter, and a number of other Jewish firms announced their participation in reconstruction activities; Jewish physicians, women's organizations and other Jewish groups are being lauded today for their aid to the victims of the catastrophe.

(A shipment of 300 units of blood plasma as well as transfusion equipment contributed by the Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency medical organization, was sent aboard an El Al aircraft from Israel to aid the victims of torrential rains which caused floods and mud-slides in parts of Brazil. Representatives of the Foreign Ministry, the Brazilian Embassy and the Magen David Adom were on hand at Lydda Airport as the consignment was placed aboard the plane.)

FOREST NAMED IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR HARMAN PLANTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- A forest named in honor of Ambassador Avraham Harman, Israel's envoy to Washington, was planted yesterday inside the John F. Kennedy Forest, near Jerusalem. The Avraham Harman Forest had been contributed by the Bnai Zion, a Zionist fraternal order in the United States.

Among the participants in the ceremonies were Walworth Barbour, United States Ambassador to Israel; Mrs. Golda Meir, who had just retired from her post as Israel's Foreign Minister; and David Harman, a son of the Ambassador, who thanked Bnai Zion for the honor bestowed upon his father. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Meir; Dr. Harris J. Levine, of New York, honorary chairman of Bnai Zion; Edward Sharf, president of the order; and Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund.

ISRAEL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO PARAGUAY PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Moshe Alon, Israel's new Ambassador to this country, presented his official letters of credence today to Gen. Alfredo Stroesser, president of Paraguay.

He was accorded the traditional honors given to a newly-accredited envoy, reviewing a military formation and being greeted by a military band playing the national anthems of Israel and Paraguay. He was accompanied during the ceremony by Aryeh Shafer, Israel's economic attache to Buenos Aires, and by Benjamin Sapira, Israel's honorary consul-general here.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE HOLDS SERVICES HONORING SHARETT'S MEMORY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the Zionist movement's Actions Committee, eulogized the late Moshe Sharett last night at services honoring Mr. Sharett's memory conducted here by the Actions Committee.

Mr. Sharett was lauded for his services as Israel's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and as chairman of the Jewish Agency's executive. President Shazar noted that, in spite of his many activities, Mr. Sharett's career had "never had a spot." Dr. Goldmann said that Mr. Sharett's assumption of the Agency executive chairmanship, after serving Israel as Prime Minister, "amounted to the Zionists to confirmation of the greatness of their movement."

MRS. LEONARD RATNER, LEADER IN PHILANTHROPIC CAUSES, DIES IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Leonard Ratner, a leader in national and local philanthropies and in civic causes, who died at 65 after a long illness. Services were conducted by Rabbi Armond E. Cohen at the Park Synagogue of which Mrs. Ratner had been a board member. Mr. Ratner is vice-president of the Jewish Community Federation here.

Born Lillian Bernstein, of a prominent Cleveland Jewish family, Mrs. Ratner was chairman of the women's division of the national women's executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal. She was the founder of the Park Synagogue's day nursery and day camp and recently established the Lillian Ratner Montessori School. She was active in the Red Cross and other local civic and philanthropic activities and personally and through the family foundation assisted many young people financially to secure higher education.