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GERMANY MAKES FINAL REPORT ON ISRAEL REPARATIONS OF \$861,250,000

BONN, March 29: (JTA) -- The West German Government took formal notice today of the completion of the West German-Israel reparations agreement signed at Luxembourg, in 1952, with publication by the Ministry of Economics of a statement of the payments made to the State of Israel under that pact, and to former German nationals also resettled in Israel under various West German restitution and compensation laws.

The Government statement signaled completion of the reparations payments of three billion marks (\$750,000,000) it had undertaken in the Luxembourg agreement. The Ministry reported payments to Israel in goods and services of 3,450,000,000 marks (\$861,250,000). These payments, it said, had permitted resettlement of about 500,000 Jewish refugees in Israel.

In addition to the reparations payments to Israel, the Ministry reported, West Germany had provided goods and services to the value of 2,400,000,000 marks (\$600,000,000) on account of compensation and other claims of former German citizens resettled in Israel.

The Ministry noted that, of the reparations to Israel, 1,500,000,000 marks (\$375,000,000) was paid to Britain by West Germany out of German sterling credits, to cover the shipment of oil to Israel. The balance of the reparations payments covered delivery of 60 ships, machinery and other capital goods and equipment and services.

The Ministry of Economics pointed to a considerable increase in German-Israel commercial trade following the signing of the reparations agreement. Israeli exports to West Germany went from 400,000 marks (\$100,000) in 1953, to 206,000,000 marks (\$51,500,000) in 1965. German exports to Israel rose from 20,600,000 marks (\$5,150,000) in 1953 to 256,000,000 marks (\$64,000,000) in 1965. These figures do not include arms deliveries to Israel made under an undisclosed arrangement.

EXTREMIST PARTY IN GERMANY SHOWS FURTHER GAINS IN VOTING AT HAMBURG

HAMBURG, March 29: (JTA) -- The National Democratic Party, a fusion of various extremist and right-wing political groups in West Germany, including professional neo-fascists, won 3.2 percent of the total vote in Hamburg's municipal elections held Sunday, according to final tabulations completed here today. The NDP vote had almost doubled here since last September's general elections to the national Parliament, when the party in this city had won 1.8 percent of the total vote.

Moderate political circles here said the net rise in the NDP strength here is not as high as the ratios may indicate, since the overall turn-out in the municipal elections was far lower than the number of voters who had cast their ballots in the national balloting.

Officials here, however, said that the increased NDP strength shown in recent municipal elections around the country was "disturbing." The National Democratic Party had shown sizable gains in balloting for municipal posts in Schleswig-Holstein and in northern Germany, especially in small villages.

Earlier this month, the NDP showed very large gains in the municipal elections in Bavaria. It received 3 percent of the statewide Bavarian vote, as compared with a national balloting total in Bavaria of 2 percent. In some Bavarian cities, the NDP got as high as 10 percent of the vote.

ISRAEL AND EGYPT EXCHANGE PRISONERS; ISRAELIS REPORT HARSH TREATMENT

TEL AVIV, March 29: (JTA) -- Israel and Egypt exchanged six prisoners today at a border point, in an agreement reached after intervention by the United Nations Secretariat in New York.

Israel handed over three Egyptians who were arrested, tried and sentenced to prison terms on espionage charges. The three Israelis involved in the exchange were arrested by United Nations Emergency Force soldiers after an accidental border crossing had been turned over by UNEF to Egyptian authorities. Oded Meir, David Chanuka and his

son, Shmuel Chanuka, all from Herzliah, went to a market near the Egyptian border last August, and inadvertently crossed a few hundred feet into Egypt, when the UNRWA soldiers arrested them. Israel immediately asked for their release, but Egypt made the return of the three Israelis conditional on an Israeli agreement to release three Egyptians. Successful talks were held at the UN secretariat headquarters in New York on the exchange.

The Israelis reported that they had been tortured during interrogation by the Egyptians and had been given little water and bad food. They could hardly walk as they crossed over into Israel.

The three Egyptians were Kabruk Yakobian, Khamis Abdul Kader and Hussein El Khawani. Yakobian, an Armenian born in Egypt, was sent to spy in Israel, arriving as an "immigrant" from South America in 1961. He settled in Ashkelon, joined the Israeli army, and was about to be married when he was arrested in 1963 after having been shadowed for months by the Israeli security services. He was convicted and sent to prison for 18 years. The two other men also were sent to Israel by Egyptian intelligence. They were arrested in 1955 and 1959, respectively, and received prison terms of 12 years and 15 years.

SYRIANS OPEN FIRE AGAIN, WOUND ISRAELI TRACTOR DRIVER ON BORDER

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- An Israeli tractor driver was shot at today and wounded by Syrian fire in the Haqon area, on the border between Israel and Syria. There have been frequent shootings by the Syrians against Israeli farmers along the frontiers and against Israeli fishermen on Lake Tiberias, a body of water entirely within Israel's territory.

ICELAND PRESIDENT FIRST FOREIGN HEAD OF STATE TO ADDRESS KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- President Asgeir Asgeirsson, of Iceland, became yesterday the first foreign head of state to address Israel's Knesset (Parliament).

Speaking in English and Icelandic, the visiting head of state told a festive session of the Knesset of the urgent need for friendship between small nations. He also touched on practical matters, including his belief that trade between Iceland and Israel should be expanded. Israel sends citrus and preserves to Iceland, which exports fish to Israel.

Addresses by visiting heads of state are to be a permanent feature of Knesset sessions in the future, it was said here.

Dr. Michael Ramsey, Anglican Archbishop, May Visit Israel in April

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, will visit Israel next month, it was reliably reported in Church of England circles today. His status in the Anglican Church is equivalent to that of the Pope in the Roman Catholic faith.

Dr. Ramsey, one of the presidents of the British Council of Christians and Jews, will visit the old City of Jerusalem on April 20, to preside at a five-day conference of Anglican Metropolitans from all parts of the world. According to the reports, he will visit Nazareth and Capernaum in Israel, after the conference. Whether he will meet any members of the Israel Government has not yet been decided. This will depend on the wishes of both the Government and the Archbishop, it was indicated.

HEBREW U. DEDICATES 'FOUNDERS WALL,' JAMES McDONALD HISTORY CHAIR

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University today dedicated its "Founders Wall," forming part of the facade of the administration building. Names of contributors who gave \$25,000 or more for the university campus were inscribed on the wall. Nathaniel Goldstein, of New York, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, told the gathering that the wall would serve to "unite men instead of separating" them.

Also dedicated by the university here today was a chair in American history in the name of the late James G. McDonald, the first American Ambassador to Israel. Mr. McDonald's widow was present at the ceremonies, along with the present United States Ambassador, Walworth Barbour.

DEAD SEA WORKS IN ISRAEL TO FIGHT KAISER'S CLAIM FOR \$25,000,000

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Gen. Mordechai Makleff, director-general of the Dead Sea Works, and the company's attorney, Moshe Levin, left for London today to consult with international law experts on fighting the \$25,000,000 dispute between the company and the Kaiser Engineering Company.

'PRO-ISRAEL' COMMUNISTS AT MOSCOW PLAN TALKS ON JEWISH QUESTION

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Representatives of the "pro-Israel" faction of Israel's tiny Communist Party, who are attending, as fraternal delegates, the 23rd Congress of the Communist Party at the USSR, which opened today in Moscow, plan to propose the creation of an international Jewish Communist faction, according to reports received here.

The Jewish delegates also plan to meet informally to examine the Jewish problem in the USSR, and the stand of the various Communist parties toward it. According to reports here, Shmuel Mikunis and Moshe Sneh, the leaders of the pro-Israel faction (Maki), informed the Soviet Communist Party's key leaders of these plans before they left for Moscow.

The Maki representatives, who discussed the issue last year with Mikhail Suslov and other Soviet Communist leaders, reportedly seek a "revision" of the traditional Marxist-Leninist approach to the Jewish question in the light of recent developments both within the Communist movement and in the Jewish world. Unconfirmed reports suggested that Suslov and other Communist leaders with whom the proposals have been discussed have shown a "positive attitude," and seemed to welcome an extensive examination of the subject.

Italian Communist Party officials at the Congress openly advocate such changes, and the British Communist Party adopted a resolution at its last conference calling for re-examination of the Jewish issue. Two Israeli delegations are attending the Congress. One represents Maki, which has the blessings of the Soviet Communist Party; while an Israeli faction represents anti-Zionist Israeli Arabs.

GERMAN JEWS TELL SLAWSON THAT NEO-NAZI PRESS SPURS ANTI-SEMITISM

BCNN, March 29. (JTA) -- Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said today that Jewish communal leaders in West Germany had told him that anti-Semitic banner headlines in neo-Nazi newspapers were "definitely" one of the reasons for the rise of violent anti-Semitic incidents in the Federal Republic. He cited the National und Soldatenzeitung by name as one such paper.

He said he had urged West German officials during his current visit to develop and present a positive program to the public, to combat the growth of neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic incidents. Such a step, he stated, would not only be the best way to allay "growing concern" inside West Germany and abroad, but would also be the best possible demonstration that the West German Government will not tolerate a resurgence of the Nazi ideology that brought "untold tragedy" to the world and to Germany. He expressed particular concern over the growing support in recent elections to the new neo-Nazi group, the National Democratic Party.

Dr. Karl Overbeck, of the West German Foreign Office cultural department, told Dr. Slawson yesterday that the Government would try to broaden a program aimed at strengthening West German democratic institutions through adaptation of methods used in the United States.

Swiss Jews Note Bonn Takes No Action to Suppress Hate Press

BERNE, March 29. (JTA) -- Concern over the "increasing growth" of neo-Nazi movements in West Germany and Austria was voiced today by the central committee of the Federation of Swiss Jewish Communities, at its meeting here.

The committee cited particularly the anti-Semitic headlines of the extremist West German newspaper, Deutsche National und Soldatenzeitung, and asserted that West German authorities had not taken any action to ban it. It was also noted that an anti-Semitic article had recently appeared in a provincial Swiss Catholic newspaper.

EAST GERMANY TURNS SITE OF STUTTHOF DEATH CAMP INTO MUSEUM

BCNN, March 29. (JTA) -- The Museum in the East German town of Stutthof, which was the site of a notorious concentration camp during the Nazi era, has been opened to the public, it was reported here today. The museum had been put under supervision of the East German Ministry of Culture.

The Stutthof camp housed 120,000 prisoners of 17 nationalities of whom 85,000, very many of them Jews, were murdered. Many thousands died after the camp was liberated because they were too weak to be brought back to health. The museum contains lists of the inmates, documents and a number of exhibits connected with life and death in the camp. The East German Government worked with many countries in assembling the material for the museum.

RABBIS, CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN STAGE 'PEACE PRAYER' ACTIONS ON VIET NAM

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- A group of 25 rabbis joined with Protestant and Catholic clergymen today in four "peace prayer" meetings on the Viet Nam war, held at the Central Synagogue here and in three churches. The meetings were sponsored by an interfaith organization called the New York Clergy Concerned With Viet Nam. The clergymen assembled at the Central Synagogue and, after reciting memorial prayers and special prayers for peace, they marched to Christ Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the United Nations Church Center.

Among the Jewish spiritual leaders taking part in the meetings were Dr. William Rosenblum, rabbi emeritus of Temple Israel; Rabbi Lloyd Tenenbaum; Rabbi David J. Seligson, leader of the Central Synagogue; and his associate, Rabbi Lewis Bogage. During their march, the participants carried banners bearing the slogan "Peace" in English and Hebrew.

ROCKWELL PLANNING TO BUY HITLER'S YACHT FOR SEAGOING PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- An attempt is being made by George Rockwell's American Nazi Party to acquire Hitler's former yacht, now believed to be moored at Miami, Fla., for use as a seagoing headquarters. The 85-foot pleasure craft, built especially for Hitler, was purchased by Americans after the war, and brought to the United States. Rockwell has been quoted as stating that he has found someone willing to help finance the purchase.

Hitler's yacht would again fly the Nazi ensign, according to Rockwell's plans. Rockwell indicated he would seek to spread Nazism from port to port, in America and abroad. It was reported here that he is seeking an international Nazi crew, including World War II German naval personnel who may want to keep Nazism alive aboard Hitler's personal yacht. Rockwell formerly served as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy. His naval experience was in naval aviation rather than on surface ships.

FARBSTEIN DEMANDS U. S. STRICTURE OF SYRIA FOR MALTREATING AMERICAN

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, asked Secretary of State Dean Rusk today to continue to pursue the case of Edward J. Levy with the Syrian Government until Syria provides a satisfactory explanation for the maltreatment of the American citizen who had been held incommunicado for almost two years.

Rep. Farbstein, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, stressed that "during the worst days of the cold war, the countries behind the Iron Curtain never treated Americans with such disdain." He told Mr. Rusk, in a letter, that Mr. Levy should, "as an absolute minimum, be granted adequate restitution by the Syrian Government.

"Unless Syria provides an adequate explanation for its act," Rep. Farbstein stated, "I feel it is essential that the American Government take full and appropriate retaliatory action. Only such action will remind such countries that they cannot behave in such irresponsible fashion in their relations with the United States."

Mr. Levy, a resident of New York, is back home now. Syria had handed him over recently to Israeli authorities in a prisoner exchange between the two countries. He had been imprisoned by the Syrians after accidentally wandering into Syrian territory from an Israeli kibbutz, and neither Israel nor the United States knew his whereabouts until the prisoner exchange.

MRS. ROSE HALPRIN NAMED CHAIRMAN, JEWISH AGENCY-AMERICAN SECTION

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, of New York, was named chairman today of the Jewish Agency-American Section by the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel. She succeeds Dr. Emanuel Neumann who served as chairman for the past year.

Mrs. Halprin has been a leader in Zionist affairs for over 35 years, and a member of the Jewish Agency Executive since 1946. She is a former president of Hadassah, having served in that post from 1932 to 1934 and from 1947 to 1951, and is now an honorary vice-president of Hadassah. She is also co-chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

LARGE LABOR GROUPS GRANT \$75,000 FOR UNIQUE YIVO HISTORY PROJECT

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The Yivo Institute for Jewish Research announced today it has been awarded a \$75,000 grant by the Labor Council, representing the leading labor groups in the clothing industry, for a three-year project involving the recording of the experiences of the leaders of the Jewish labor movement in this country.

The project, which has already been started by Yivo, will make available to historians of the Jewish labor movement in the United States, recorded tapes and transcribed records of the personal experiences of the pioneers of the movement.