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### 1,500 JEWS REPORTED KILLED IN AGADIR EARTHQUAKE; J. D. C. RUSHES AID

GENEVA, March 3, (JTA) -- An estimated 1,500 Jews of the 2,300 who lived in Agadir lost their lives in the earthquake and tidal wave that destroyed great sections of the Moroccan coastal town, it was learned here today. The Jewish quarter of the city and the Moslem quarter on the seaside which it adjoined, bore the brunt of the disaster and were completely destroyed. Estimates of the total casualties were revised upwards again today and losses among the general population were put today at 5,000 or more.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee estimated the Jewish dead and missing at 1,500 today following reports from its representatives in Casablanca. The JDC was the first volunteer agency to rush supplies to the survivors of the stricken city. It shipped in food, clothing, shoes and blankets to the value of four million Moroccan francs. (\$8,000.) Henry Kirsch, JDC representative in Casablanca, arranged the shipment of supplies after conferring with the Moroccan authorities.

The entire city was to have been evacuated by tonight. The surviving Jews were attempting to make their way to Mogador where many of them had lived originally. Others went to the town of Araudamt. Efforts to identify the Jewish survivors have begun.

#### Jewish Institutions Demolished; Two Rabbis Among the Dead

Jewish institutions in Agadir were almost all destroyed. One of the most tragic incidents was the destruction of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva where 80 children lived. Sixteen were taken from the debris. Four of them subsequently died of their injuries. It was feared that the remaining 64 boys and their teachers might still be buried in the ruins.

(In Paris, the Alliance Israelite received word that the Alliance school in Agadir had been completely destroyed. One teacher and his family were reported missing. It was believed that the rest of the school staff and the pupils were safe.)

A kindergarten in Agadir maintained by the JDC was razed by the quake. Two of the 100 children who attended it were known to be dead. No information has been obtained about the remainder. The kindergarten was not in session when the quake hit the city. Two of the town's rabbis were known to be among the dead.

(The French Embassy in Jerusalem promised today to make every effort to secure identification of the Jewish victims of the Agadir, Morocco, earthquake. Many of the Jews of that coastal city have family in Israel but as a result of the severance of communications between Morocco and Israel through Morocco's compliance with the Arab League's anti-Israel boycott, the Moroccan Jews here have no direct means of communicating with their kin still in the kingdom.)

#### Casablanca Jewish Community Prepares to House Agadir Refugees

The Joint Distribution Committee headquarters in Geneva also cabled King Mohammed of Morocco, offering its services in dealing with the disaster. The JDC official personally rode into Agadir on the first truck bearing supplies provided by the JDC. Prince Moulay Hassan, the Crown Prince, and his party, who were in Agadir, cooperated with Kirsch in getting his supplies distributed.

The Casablanca Jewish community evacuated the Talmud Torah, and prepared the building to house refugees. By today, about 100 Jewish refugees had arrived in Casablanca and another boatload was expected later today. The JDC contributed \$5,000 for emergency aid work.

### HAMMARSKJOLD STILL CONSIDERS THE ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION DETERIORATING

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 3, (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold said today that from a short-term viewpoint there had been "definite improvement" in the Arab-Israel situation in the past two weeks. But he warned his press conference the deterioration he had reported two weeks ago so far as the basic situation was concerned remained unchanged.

## U.S. CHARGED IN CONGRESS WITH YIELDING TO MOSLEM LANDS ON JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee charged today in a House speech that the United States executive department "has entered into a 'gentleman's agreement' with Pakistan not to assign any members of the Jewish faith to American diplomatic or other posts in that country."

He also charged that "similar understandings have been entered into with Arab League countries, and they have been reached as well with Morocco and Afghanistan," Rep. Celler, a New York Democrat, said the Administration yielded to Moslem bigotry and showed "less backbone than can be found in a chocolate éclair."

Rep. Lester Holtzman, New York Democrat, also attacked Administration appeasement of Moslem pressure. He told the House that "if we had exercised one-tenth of the determination in keeping the Suez Canal open that we did in getting Israel to withdraw in the Sinai campaign, I am confident Mr. Nasser would not be as cocky as he is."

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today called on all Government agencies to coordinate their policies with the language used by the Navy in eliminating support of the Arab boycott and blockade. He pointed to the Navy's reversal as an example to be followed by other Government agencies that, in effect, collaborate with the "illegal" Arab practices. The Arabs refuse to permit any ship that traded with Israel to deliver U.S. goods, even goods donated by the United States.

## URANIUM SENT FROM U.S. FOR ISRAEL'S ATOMIC REACTOR REACHES HAIFA

HAIFA, March 3. (JTA) -- Seven steel-shielded cases, containing 6.5 kilograms of enriched uranium, arrived here yesterday by steamer from the United States for Israel's first atomic reactor. The reactor, constructed with American aid, is expected to go into operation by the end of April.

The plant's director and experts of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission were on hand to subject the shipment to close inspection for possible radioactivity leaks, but found none. The cases were sent by truck, under police escort, to Nebi Rubin, south of Tel Aviv, where the reactor is located.

## STUDEBAKER COMPACT CARS MAY BE ASSEMBLED IN ISRAEL; TALKS GOING ON

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry confirmed today that negotiations were being conducted with the Studebaker-Packard Corporation for assembly of the Studebaker Lark, the company's compact car, at the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Haifa.

The Lark would be sold in Israel for about 11,000 pounds (\$6,100)--about twice the cost of the Renault Dauphine formerly assembled here. The Lark, however, is a six-cylinder car considerably larger than the French vehicle which has an air-cooled engine located in the rear of the car.

Assembly of the Dauphine here was discontinued last summer when Regie Renault surrendered to the Arab boycott and canceled contracts for assembly on the car by Kaiser-Frazer. The Haifa plant is also weighing the assembly of a very small car, possibly a combination of the German Gogomobile chassis and engine and a body of the French Citroen Deux Chevaux type.

## DROUGHT DAMAGE TO ISRAEL CROPS MAY REACH 20,000,000 POUNDS; AID NEEDED

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Damage to Israel crops from the current dry spell already totals 12,000,000 pounds and may reach 20,000,000 pounds if rains do not come soon, a spokesman for the Israel Treasury reported today. He said interim relief for the stricken areas of 3,500,000 pounds would be granted in the form of lower water rates and subsidized grain prices.

An urgent call for help for areas hit by the continued drought, which damaged fields and orchards especially in the southern part of the country, was issued here today at an emergency meeting of the agricultural settlements. The meeting was called following the resignation of a special committee appointed some time ago to coordinate aid to the stricken areas through government agencies. The committee tendered its resignation after it was unable to obtain the necessary funds for the affected settlements.

Delegates at the meeting reported today that the Mekorot Water Company has discontinued water supplies after settlements lacking funds were unable to pay earlier water bills. The situation of the Negev Beduins was reported deteriorating today and an urgent appeal for help signed by seven sheikhs of the larger tribes was sent to the Ministry of Agriculture. Many of the Beduins started moving northward seeking suitable pasture land.

## ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTRY REPORTS INCREASED INCOME FROM SALE OF BONDS

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Income from the sale of Israel bonds increased by more than 25 percent during the first nine months of the current fiscal year compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year, the Finance Ministry reported today.

## GERMAN-ISRAEL PACT ON REPARATIONS GOODS FOR 1960 SIGNED IN BONN

BONN, March 3. (JTA) -- An agreement detailing the list of goods to be sent to Israel this year under the German reparations pact, was signed here today by Dr. F. Shinner, head of the Israel Mission and Dr. Hans Goers, an official of the West German foreign ministry. The amount of West German reparations in 1960 will total about \$60,000,000.

At the same time it was affirmed here today that the West German Government will not enter into a new reparations agreement with the State of Israel on expiration of the present agreement in 1963. The announcement was made by Felix von Eckhardt, Minister of State and chief aide of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He told a visiting group of five United Nations correspondents here that "neither the Government nor Parliament nor Israel envisages a new reparations agreement after 1963."

Mr. von Eckhardt was emphatic in stating that no steps had been taken toward establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel and added that "what the future may bring, I do not know." Asked about German purchase of small arms from Israel, Mr. von Eckhardt commented that weapons from Israel constituted only one-twentieth of one percent of West Germany's arms purchases.

Karl Mommer, parliamentary whip of the German Social Democratic Party, told the correspondents that West Germany must establish diplomatic relations with Israel because, among other reasons, it has "a special obligation" to Israel because of the crimes committed against the Jewish people by the Hitler regime.

### German-Israel Trade Pact to Succeed the Reparations Agreement

HAMBURG, March 3. (JTA) -- Seven top leaders of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce predicted today that the West German-Israel reparations pact will be replaced at its 1963 expiration with a stronger agreement based on a possible substantial expansion of private trade between the two countries.

The bankers and industrialists declared that if West German-Israel trade could be developed on a "give and take" basis, there could be a very high level of commerce between the two countries. The statement was made to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at a round table on West German affairs held at the Anglo-American club. Rudolf Berckholtz, vice-president of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and a leading export-import merchant, presided.

Others in the group making the prediction were Erik Blumenfeld, a coal and oil merchant who is also chairman for the Hamburg district for the Christian Democratic Union; Erik Warburg, Baron John Rudolf von Schroeder and Emil Puhl, bankers; Jürgen Krauth, a lumber merchant, and Claus Holthusen, of a leading export-import firm. The business leaders listed among West German items for post-reparations Bonn-Israel commerce heavy machinery, textile machinery, pianos, medical instruments and pharmaceuticals.

Some of the businessmen expressed dissatisfaction with a present insistence by Israel traders that they will sell only to private West German firms but will buy only through the Israel Purchasing Mission under the reparations agreement. It was felt, however, that once the agreement expires in 1963, substantial trade would develop between the two countries.

While such trade now is fairly sizable, most of it is tied to the reparations agreement. The dimensions of such trade were described by G. E. Susse, general director of the office of Economic Affairs of the West German Ministry of Economics at Frankfurt. He revealed that West German trade with the United Arab Republic was almost four times as much as with Israel.

It was evident that there was a sustained effort in the Ministry of Economics to foster trade with the UAR on a vigorous and expanding scale. Two or three times a week, the Frankfurter Handelsblatt publishes special editions in Arabic and these editions are circulated to all Arab representatives in West Germany. There are also numerous Arab commercial and governmental offices, Arab journals and centers of Arab trade.

Hamburg officials in both business and government have expressed to the JTA their warm feeling for Israel, their admiration for Israel's economic achievements and their great confidence in Israel as a country with great potentials for economic growth.

### Bonn Govt. Decides to Pay Compensation to Stateless Persons

BONN, March 3. (JTA) -- The West German Government has finally decided to provide compensation to stateless persons who had been persecuted by the Nazi regime but have been refused compensation, it was reported today.

The Federal Government plans to set up a fund to indemnify the "national persecutees," non-Germans who opposed the Nazis and suffered for their opposition but who were not considered in the postwar compensation programs to have been persecuted on grounds of race, religion or ideology.

JEWISH FORCED LABORERS MUST SUBMIT CLAIMS BEFORE END OF YEAR

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany today announced here that the Compensation Treuhand GmbH, Staufenstrasse 29a Frankfurt am Main, Germany, has been designated to carry out the agreement concluded between the Conference and the Friedrich Krupp Company last December.

Former Jewish concentration camp inmates who can establish that they did forced labor during the war at Krupp factories--such as Essen, Berlin/Neukoelln, Fyenfteichen--and have not submitted applications to the Compensation Treuhand GmbH, whether directly or through their representatives, must do so no later than December 31, 1960.

Informal applications should contain at least the following data: first and last names, maiden names, place and date of birth, exact present address, name of the Krupp factory where forced labor was performed and the length of service. Applicants will then receive a questionnaire from the Compensation Treuhand to aid it in checking the information contained in the application.

MEXICAN JEWS RECEIVE THREATENING LETTERS; SWASTIKA SMEARING RENEWED

MEXICO CITY, March 3. (JTA) -- A new wave of anti-Semitic inscriptions and swastika smearing has hit a number of Jewish-owned buildings here, it was reported today. Executives of Jewish firms here received anti-Jewish leaflets through the mail while prominent members of the Mexican Jewish community reported receiving threatening letters during the past few days. Anti-Semitic leaflets, answering "Ten Questions" on Jews and Judaism, were sent out by the so-called "League for the Protection of Mexicanism."

West German Ambassador Walter Hess, meanwhile, invited a delegation of Jews of German origin to meet with him on instructions of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He told the group that the Bonn Government was exerting every effort to fight neo-Nazism and called upon the delegation to "forget the past." The delegation said that Jews cannot forget what the Nazis did to 6,000,000 of their brethren.

DR. ALBRIGHT NAMED FIRST PROFESSOR AT JERUSALEM SCHOOL OF H. U. C.

CINCINNATI, March 3. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem School of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is moving toward completion and will soon be a reality--the only American institution of its kind in Israel, Dr. Nelson Glueck, College-Institute president, announced here today.

Dr. William F. Albright, dean of American Biblical archaeologists and Professor Emeritus of Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed first Professor of Biblical Archaeology at the Jerusalem School, Dr. Glueck said. He will take up his post when the HUC-JIR Graduate School of Biblical Research and Archaeology opens its first academic year in 1961. While intended primarily for faculty, alumni and students of the College-Institute, the Jerusalem School will be open to other qualified graduate scholars as well.

EBAN HONORED IN DENMARK; LECTURES AT COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY ON ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, March 3. (JTA) -- Denmark and Israel exchanged pledges of friendship here last night at a dinner tendered by External Affairs Minister Jens Otto Krag in honor of Abba S. Eban, Israel Minister without Portfolio.

Premier Viggo Kampmann and other members of the Danish Cabinet were present when Mr. Eban replied to Mr. Krag's toast with a tribute to Denmark's "faithful support of Israel's international rights and its special dedication to maritime freedom."

During his stay in Copenhagen, Mr. Eban, who is president of the Weizmann Institute, delivered a lecture at Copenhagen University on the progress science in Israel. Prof. Nils Bohr, the Nobel Prize winner, presided at the lecture and spoke in praise of the work of the Weizmann Institute.

'RECEIPT FOR PALESTINE' SOLD FOR \$5,000 AT AUCTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- A document entitled "A Receipt for Palestine," was sold at an auction here yesterday for \$5,500. The receipt was drawn up in 1920 at the request of the commanding officer of the British forces occupying Palestine before the territory was turned over to the new High Commissioner.

The receipt reads: "Received from Major General Sir Louis Bols, one Palestine complete." The document is signed by Herbert Samuel, Britain's first High Commissioner for Palestine, who added the notation "E. & O. E.," meaning errors and omissions excepted.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MANITOBA SEEKS BAN ON BIAS IN PUBLIC PLACES

MONTREAL, March 3. (JTA) -- The Attorney General of the Manitoba Province has introduced a bill in the provincial legislature to ban discrimination in places of public accommodation on grounds of race, religion, color and ethnic or national origin. The measure was expected to receive the support of all parties in the legislature.