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GOAL FOR 1948 MAY BE \$250,000,000; AGENCIES SUBMIT BUDGETS OF \$395,367,000

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- American Jews may be asked to contribute between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal during 1948, as compared with the \$170,000,000 requested of them this year.

This was indicated today at the national conference here of the UJA, following presentation of record-breaking budgets for the coming year by the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Service for New America, totalling \$395,367,000. Of this sum \$283,000,000 is required by the UJA, and constituent agencies, more than \$98,000,000 will be needed by the JDC and \$14,000,000 by the USNA. The final decision on the goal for 1948 will be made at the next session of the 1,200 delegates from all parts of the country.

Isador Coons, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, reported to the conference that more than \$125,000,000 has been raised so far this year and that the figure might reach \$132,000,000 before the end of 1947. This total surpassed the amount contributed last year by a minimum of \$23,000,000. More than 5,000 communities participated in the 1947 campaign, Coons said.

The presentation of the needs of the three agencies was made by Eliezer Kaplan, for the UJA, Moses A. Leavitt, for the JDC, and Joseph E. Beck for USNA. In presenting his first blueprint for financing the Jewish state, Kaplan said that \$95,000,000 will be needed for the reception, care, housing and integration of 75,000 Jewish refugees expected to reach Palestine next year. He added that the Jewish Agency would give priority in its settlement program to 24,000 orphaned children all of whom will be brought to the Jewish state in 1948.

## \$28,000,000 Will Be Needed for Defense of Jewish State

A minimum of \$28,000,000 would be needed in 1948 for the defense of the Jewish state, Kaplan estimated. This would include establishment of a Jewish militia, training and maintenance of a Jewish police force and for Haganah equipment.

Kaplan assured the Jewish leaders that there was no "panic" in Palestine and that the present Arab disturbances were foreseen by the Jewish Agency. He stressed that the Haganah possessed sufficient trained manpower to meet any eventuality. "The Haganah," he declared, "will enforce a peace guaranteeing equal security for Jews and Arabs in the Jewish state."

Kaplan disclosed that the heads of many Arab villages had advised the Jewish Agency that "they do not want any trouble" and that "they are opposed to the Mufti's incited disturbances." He warned, however, that future developments in Palestine could not be predicted "in view of the unfair way in which the Mandatory Power is governing Palestine."

Noting that the British are due to withdraw from Tel Aviv and the surrounding area this Monday, Kaplan said that a police force of 5,000 men would have to be

lished immediately in this district alone. At the same time, he said, the Jewish Agency must recruit a full-time militia of "tens of thousands of men."

Kaplan indicated that the UPA will spend \$27,500,000 in the coming year for cultural development of the state and a total of \$25,000,000 for urban development including the promotion of industry and the establishment of public institutions. The JNF, he said, will require about \$85,000,000 for land acquisition and participation in colonization activities.

#### Agency Will Ask U.S. Government for Arms and Loan

Mr. Kaplan said that he would ask the U.S. Government for surplus arms to defend the Jewish State. He added that "a small international force stationed in Palestine would make the Arab states think twice before attacking the Jewish State."

On the question of financial aid, Mr. Kaplan said that the State Department, Import and Export Bank, and the International Bank would be approached for loans to make up the funds that are not provided for in the total UJA quota for 1948. He said for the first time that a four-year plan has been evolved for the development of the Jewish State to provide for the immigration and the absorption of no less than 400,000 Jews.

He also disclosed that the U.S. Government and the International Refugee Organization would be asked to supply ships needed to transport 75,000 Jewish refugees from Europe and Cyprus to the Jewish State in 1948. He expressed confidence that on the basis of pledges made by American Government representatives prior to the U.N. decision, transportation facilities would be provided by the United States.

#### Leavitt Stresses Need for JDC Grants to Increase Subsistence Diets

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, told the conference that the task of retraining and preparing Jews in Europe for resettlement in the Jewish State and elsewhere "will place new and heavy responsibility on the Joint Distribution Committee in 1948." At the same time, he added that almost half of the more than \$98,000,000 required by the JDC in the coming year will be needed for direct relief purposes, including relief kitchens in 17 European countries, and a huge supplementary feeding program for displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and other areas. Leavitt emphasized that the JDC must raise in the coming year the present "low subsistence level" of the daily DP diet of 2,500 calories, which is constantly deteriorating in food value.

"In 1948," Mr. Leavitt said, "increased emphasis must be placed on reconstruction activities which will enable additional tens of thousands to help themselves and have relief rolls." For this work, he estimated that a minimum of about \$13,000,000 will be required. He reported that during the current year JDC assistance enabled 8,000 families to become substantially or completely self-supporting.

Stressing that 180,000 Jewish children in Europe are "the wards of the entire American Jewish community," the JDC leader said that the aid afforded them must be increased. He also outlined a broad program of medical care and rehabilitation.

#### 25,000 Jewish Immigrants Expected to Enter U.S. in 1948

A minimum of 25,000 Jewish immigrants will enter the U.S. in 1948, it was predicted by Joseph E. Beck, executive director of the United Service for New Americans. He emphasized that this estimate does not include additional numbers of displaced

Jews from Germany, Austria and Italy who may be permitted to enter the country if Congress adopts favorable immigration legislation at its next session.

"It has become increasingly evident," Mr. Beck told the conference, "that Congress will pass a bill which will admit a larger number of displaced persons, including a substantial number of Jews beyond the present immigration quota. To provide for the need of the anticipated 25,000 newcomers, he said, the USNA will require a minimum of \$13,665,000.

Major General Walter A. Wood, Jr., Washington chief of the International Rescue Organization, addressing the conference, called upon the UJA to expand and speed up its program for the resettlement of displaced Jews. He pointed out that the UJA lacks sufficient funds "to furnish even the minimum basic care on adequate standards to eligible refugees who need such care." He urged American Jewish leaders to make adequate funds available to the UJA in 1948 "to insure the lasting and permanent recovery of the Jewish survivors in Europe."

Among other speakers at the session today were Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the UJA; Charles Brown, president of the Jewish Community Council of Los Angeles; Henry Montor, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, and Julian H. Krolik, president of the Allied Jewish Federation of Detroit. Jacob Simcoff and I. Edwin Goldwater, national co-treasurers of the UJA, presented reports on the results of the 1947 campaign.

#### IRGUN RAIDS ARAB VILLAGES TO SPIKE ATTACKS ON JEWS; HAGANAH HALTS MOB IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Irgun entered the Palestine "war" today with raids on the Arab village of Tireh, near Haifa, the town of Ramleh and several villages in the area of Hebron. Official reports stated that 12 Arabs had been killed in the raids, but the underground group asserted that scores of Arabs had been killed and scores more wounded.

At Ramleh, a garage which was the headquarters of an Arab band ambushing traffic on the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road was attacked and some 20-odd vehicles were burnt. A second Irgun task force struck at Tireh where a gang of Arabs were making in preparations for an attack on Jewish quarters in Haifa. The Jews blasted a house with many Arabs inside and set fire to several adjoining buildings.

Other underground forces struck at Yazur where yesterday a Jew was killed in an attack on a convoy. The Irgun claimed that six Arabs died in the engagement. Buses were also blasted at Shafram and on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

The Irgun later issued a statement asserting that its attacks had been carried out after the organization had received information that Arab gangs were massing for further attacks on Jews. Thereupon, "we jumped directly into the lairs of the scoundrels. We will continue the attacks until the gunmen are silenced."

In Jerusalem, the Haganah dispersed an Arab mob which was massing in the Old City in the area where the first major riots broke out last week. Just before the mob started across the boundary area between the Jewish and Arab quarters, Haganah fighters threw three grenades at the mob, which broke and fled. One Arab was slightly injured by bomb fragments. However, several Arab shops and a garage were damaged.

Two companies of British infantry this morning took up positions in front of the six gates leading from the Old City to the newer section of Jerusalem, where the largest part of the Jewish population lives.

Funeral services were conducted by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog for ten Jews killed yesterday in an Arab ambush of a convoy near Bethlehem. Later, the bodies were

escorted by a strong armed detachment to Kfar Etzion where the men lived and which was their destination yesterday. At least four of the victims were settlement police and the others were Haganah men.

#### Four Jews Burned Alive When Arabs Destroy Airlines Bus; Six Missing

Four Jews were burned alive today by Arabs who captured a British airline station wagon at Lydda and later set it ablaze. The four men were employees of the company. Six other persons in the vehicle at the time, also employees, are still listed as missing, although they are believed to be safe.

Police arrested a number of Jews in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem during searches for weapons. In Tel Aviv Arabs fired three Jewish homes after their occupants had been arrested for possessing arms. In most cases each man carried just one weapon, obviously for protection. Responsible Jewish leaders have expressed resentment at the continued arrests of Haganah members and others obviously guarding Jewish homes and lives.

Reports from Tel Aviv and Jaffa stated that the mayors of the two cities were cooperating in the drafting of a mutual appeal to the citizens of both cities to halt shooting and stabbing which cost the lives of a British soldier and one Arab when an Arab mob clashed with troops tonight. Another report from Jaffa said that Dr. Yussef Hani, Mayor of Jaffa, had flown to Cairo to consult with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem in terms of a truce in the border regions of the two cities.

#### Agency Asks UN. to Send Implementation Body to Palestine As Soon As Possible

A Jewish Agency spokesman revealed that the Agency has asked the U.N. to send an Implementation Commission to Palestine as soon as possible so that the world would be kept informed of the current situation. He also charged that both the British and the ex-Mufti's henchmen were deliberately playing down Arab casualties in an attempt to convince world opinion that the Jews could not take care of themselves in a partitioned Palestine.

An official press release disclosed that a group of Arab convicts attempted to break out of the Athlit jail. Six were wounded, and it is believed that three others escaped.

Another official communique stated that 21 Jews and 25 Arabs died during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today. In addition 74 persons were wounded in the same period, which was the bloodiest day since the riots broke out on November 30.

In a broadcast tonight, the Haganah radio reported that two of the Arabs killed yesterday in the day-long battle in the Old City were leaders of the rioters who have been terrorizing Jews in the area. The broadcaster said the dead men were named Airkat, connected with the Arab youth military organization, and Zuwhi Abu Farbiyeh, a leader in the 1936 riots, one-time bodyguard of the Mufti and a ring-leader of the group responsible for the recent bombing of the Polish, Swedish and U.S. consulates.

#### WORKING GROUP ON JERUSALEM ADJOURNS UNTIL JANUARY 5 TO AWAIT REPORT ON CHARTER

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The working group on Jerusalem of the U.N. Trusteeship Council today completed the first phase of its general discussions and adjourned until Jan. 5, at which time it will receive two draft sections of the city charter which are being prepared by a group of experts.

The last decision the working group took today was to authorize the governor of Jerusalem to assume responsibility for the Holy Places and religious shrines not only in Jerusalem, but in the Arab and Jewish states.

SHERTOK CONFERS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ARMOUR ON JEWISH STATE MATTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Elishu Epstein, director of the Washington office of the Agency, today called upon Assistant Secretary of State Norman Armour.

The Zionist leaders discussed matters in connection with the creation of the Jewish state and the anticipated discussion of Palestine in the U.N. Security Council. Results of the talk were not disclosed.

BEVIN WILL NOT COOPERATE IN U.N. SOLUTION, ASKS JEWS TO HALT VISALESS MIGRATION

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The British Government does not intend to take any part in the imposition of the U.N. decision on Palestine, either alone or in conjunction with other nations, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today declared in Commons during the course of the second day of the current two-day debate on the Palestine question.

In response to a question, he specifically stated that Britain could not undertake further obligations in Palestine even if the Security Council worked out a plan for the implementation of partition.

He appealed to the Jews not to attempt to bring in more visaless immigrants during the remaining months that the British will be in control of Palestine. Such an action, he asserted, would be provocative and would only further intensify unrest. He stated that Palestine even after partition did not hold the solution of the problem of displaced Jews in Europe. The only answer to that, he said, was for more countries to open their doors to refugee immigrants.

The Foreign Secretary insisted that if it were possible, the British Government would have terminated the Mandate before May 15 and withdrawn its troops and administration before August 1. "If negotiations with the United Nations move more rapidly than we now think, and an earlier date can be fixed, that will be done," he added.

Britain has a "pretty big plateful of problems in foreign affairs and Palestine is only one of them," Bevin declared. "We would like to have accepted a date in February for terminating the Mandate, but that was physically impossible." He pointed out that Palestine was at present within the sterling bloc area and a hasty withdrawal might add economic disorder to all the other problems involved.

If Britain had attempted to leave before the dates which she has set, it would have involved great losses of supplies and equipment, Bevin added. After the effort and expenditures which British industry and science have put into Palestine during the last 30 years, he asserted, Britain should not be expected to take a bigger loss than necessary.

He emphasized that priority would be given to removal of war supplies because "dangerous toys" must not be left behind. He disclosed that extra shipping was being assigned to the evacuation task at a high cost in foreign exchange.

Questioned whether a port would be freed soon, as envisaged by the U.N., he replied that a port would be released only after the Mandate was laid down because it is impossible to have two administrations in Palestine at one time.

Finally, he reiterated his now familiar charge that he was nearing an agreement with the Jews and the Arabs when the initiative was taken away from Britain.

INSTITUTING NEW DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO INCREASE AID TO JEWISH DP'S IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will "increase considerably" its food and clothing aid to displaced Jews in Germany starting next week, it was announced today by Charles Passman, JDC co-director in the American zone.

He revealed that the entire JDC distribution system is being reorganized, in order to provide increased assistance necessitated by the continued decrease in quantity and quality of the aid supplied by the International Refugee Organization, whose limited financial resources are insufficient to meet the needs of the DP's. Passman stated that the new set-up will bring relief to a greater number of DP's.

According to the JDC plan some 85,000 Jews who are known to need aid at this time will be classified in one or another of 25 categories, including various types of workers, students, young children, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers. Others are not classified immediately in one of these categories may apply for and receive assistance if they can prove need. Persons receiving supplies from the JDC will be issued a ration card on which will be noted the amount of food and clothing the bearer is to receive.

The new distribution system will be operated through the established channels of the Central Jewish Committee and will be subject to regular inspection by the JDC. Passman, an American who has lived in Palestine for many years, is returning there after serving in the U.S. zone for the past ten months.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE FORMED FOR FOUR JEWS CONDEMNED TO DEATH IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

MUNICH, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A defense committee has been formed here to save the Jews in the British zone of Germany who have been condemned to death by a British military court in Hanover. The Jews were charged with attempting to blast a section of railroad track.

The committee plans to visit high American military officials in Frankfurt, headquarters of the U.S. Army in Germany, and appeal for support in the campaign to save the four. They will point out that the charge that the Jews planned to blast the railroad has not been proven and that actually the defendants purchased the explosive for resale. The committee will also cite the fact that the Germans who sold dynamite only received prison terms.

CONFEREEES AT INTERNATIONAL TRADE PARLEY ASK SANCTION FOR BOYCOTT OF ZIONIST GOODS

HAVANA, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Arab representatives at the meeting of the U.N. International Trade Organization being held here are demanding the right to continue their boycott of goods produced in Jewish Palestine.

The conference, which is considering a proposed codification of rules of international trade which would bar unfair practices such as boycotts, yesterday heard a plea from Iraqi delegate Dr. Slaeh M. Haider that a boycott be sanctioned if it went into effect before the projected trade charter was promulgated and if it was designed to "protect the national security or safeguard essential interests" of boycotting countries.

BOMBS BLASTS JEWISH CAFE IN BUENOS AIRES; SECOND EXPLOSION WITHIN WEEK

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A bomb exploded yesterday in the popular Leon cafe, which is owned and mainly patronized by Jews. There were no casualties and little damage. A similar blast damaged Revisionist headquarters here last week-end. It is not known whether the attacks are connected.