

67 COMMUNITIES WILL RAISE ABOUT \$12,000,000 LESS THIS YEAR THAN IN 1948, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A total of \$54,191,000 has been raised to date toward local campaign goals by 67 Jewish communities throughout the country, according to a report released today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Some of these communities completed their campaigns in July, while others are continuing their drives.

The reporting cities anticipate a final total return of \$58,990,500 for 1949, the report said. The same communities raised \$71,005,256 last year. These communities include: Baltimore, which has so far raised more than \$3,000,000 and will close its campaign in September; Buffalo, which completed its campaign by raising its quota of \$1,200,000; Cincinnati, which reached its goal of \$1,600,000; Cleveland, which completed its drive after raising its goal of \$4,900,000; Detroit, which raised \$5,240,000 and is concluding its campaign this month; Kansas City, which reached its goal of \$1,210,000; Los Angeles, which raised six million dollars toward its \$8,000,000 goal, but which is continuing its campaign through September.

The reporting cities also included Miami, which concluded its campaign last month after raising \$1,090,000; Newark, which completed its drive after raising its quota of about \$2,800,000; Philadelphia, which raised \$5,700,000 but is still trying to reach a total of \$8,000,000; St. Louis, which raised \$2,650,000; San Francisco, which secured about \$1,500,000; and Toronto, which completed its drive after raising \$1,322,000. The report only gives the results of spring campaigns.

Fund-Raising Results Will Equal or Surpass Previous Years, Except 1948

Emphasizing that campaign results will this year equal or surpass all previous years, with the exception of the banner year of 1948, the report of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds says: "The current campaigns show that American Jews take their responsibilities seriously. When presented with the challenge for supporting vital and urgent needs, the American Jewish communities can continue to raise tremendous sums of money despite less favorable economic conditions."

As compared with 1948, the Council's report makes the following generalizations on the experiences of this year as reported by the communities:

1. Even though the experts are still undecided as to whether the country is now in a "recession," "depression," or "mere leveling-off process," there exists a fear of the economic future which cut sharply into big giving for campaigns. Decreased contributions this year from some big givers foreshadows the problems to be faced in the 1950 campaign.
2. There were "manpower" difficulties--lack of workers and less intense coverage of prospects. The climate of lessened interest in the campaign applied to workers as well as givers, indicating that the impetus of startling headlines, so effective last year, was missing in the current effort. "The emotional appeal was considerably weaker," many communities reported.
3. Some campaigns were hit hard by poor collection records of the previous year's pledges; givers who had outstanding balances on 1948 pledges were less favorable prospective givers.
4. Independent capital funds campaigns, in some instances, were harmful to the welfare fund campaign since the timing was bad--large fund-raising came directly before or after the central campaign.
5. The internal conflicts in national agencies, preceding the setting of the national U.J.A. campaign, affected the local efforts to some extent.

ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS SCRAWLED ON BUILDINGS OF PRINCIPAL STREETS OF ARGENTINE CITY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A report of renewed anti-Semitic agitation in Rosario, second largest city in Argentina, was published today in "Di Yiddishe Zeitung," a daily Jewish newspaper. The paper said that anti-Jewish inscriptions appeared on buildings of the city's principal thoroughfares.

The Zeitung urged the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, to intervene with authorities in Rosario to put an end to the anti-Semitic agitation. The newspaper also appealed to the Rosario police chief, Dr. L. Pesenti, to halt the anti-Jewish outbursts, and noted that Dr. Pesenti "is known as a good democrat who certainly cannot wish that anti-Jewish insults should be written on the streets of his city."

ISRAEL WANTS U.S. JEWISH SETTLERS, BEN GURION TELLS EDITOR OF NEW YORK NEWSPAPER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Asserting that the Israeli Government would like to see American investors in the Jewish state make a profit, Premier David Ben Gurion last night told Dr. Bernard Bergman, editor of the Jewish Morning Journal of New York and president of the American Labor Mizrahi Organization, that Israel wants American Jews to settle here.

"We want not only American money but also U.S. Jews," he said. "We want their skill and brains." Asked by Dr. Bergman whether Israel is being built along the lines of American democracy, the Premier replied: "We are building Israeli democracy and socialism as developed on Mount Sinai." He also expressed himself as opposed to any form of dictatorship, either by an individual or a party. Dr. Bergman appealed to the Israeli Government for support for yeshivoth and Mr. Ben Gurion replied sympathetically.

FIRST LATIN AMERICAN MACCABIAD TO BE HELD IN MONTVIDEO; 200 CONTESTANTS TO ATTEND

MONTVIDEO, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The first Latin American Maccabiad will be held here from Aug. 20-30 with more than 200 contestants from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia and Bolivia in attendance. Participants will compete in football, basketball, swimming, tennis and other sports. The Israeli Ambassador to Uruguay, Dr. Yaacov Tsur, will serve as chairman of the Maccabiad.

Formation of a Uruguayan committee to aid the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot was announced here this week. Dr. Jacob Chazan was named chairman of the new group, which represents all sections of the Jewish community in this country.

NEW YORK ATTORNEY LECTURES ON U.S. COURTS BEFORE LAW FACULTY OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A lecture on how American courts enforce foreign confiscatory decrees was delivered here before the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University by Harry Torczyner, New York attorney and prominent Zionist leader, who is now visiting Israel. Among those who attended the lecture were Israeli Chief Justice Moshe Szaira, Justice Aleshan Dumekiblum, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the University, and Professors Norman Bentwich and H. Feinberg.

PERON RECEIVES ISRAELI MINISTER; PROMISES TO SPEED UP ARGENTINE-ISRAELI TRADE TALKS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Argentine President Juan Peron this week-end received Dr. Yaacov Tsur, Israeli Minister to Argentina. They discussed the course of current Argentine-Israeli economic discussions, which the President promised would be accelerated.