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NATIONAL U.J.A. CONFERENCE SETS \$272,455,800 AS TARGET FOR 1950; MORGENTHAU REELECTED

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The national conference of the United Jewish Appeal concluded its three-day session here today adopting the figure of \$272,455,800 as representing its "essential minimum requirements" for its program of further immigration and settlement in Israel, for overseas rehabilitation and relief and for refugee aid in the United States. The resolution on American Jewry's responsibility pointed out that the part other Jewish communities may play in meeting these requirements is "very limited."

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., was re-elected, by acclamation, general chairman for 1950. A special resolution which praised his "consecration to the life-saving tasks of the U.J.A. and his untiring energy in mobilizing maximum resources," was passed.

The critical need for removing to Israel large numbers of Jews from danger points in North Africa and the Near East moved the 1,600 delegates to call for self-sacrifice on the part of local Jewish communities, and for the mobilization of maximum funds. The resolution on the requirements for 1950 called upon American Jews to contribute to the United Jewish Appeal this coming year on "a scale commensurate with the minimum needs of its constituent agencies -- the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and United Service for New Americans. The conference also set up a committee to recommend quotas to local communities.

Another resolution called on American Jews to "exert unparalleled efforts to accomplish the great tasks which history has set before them." The resolution expressed "distress at the fact that almost 100,000 Jews remain unhoused in Israel" and that "impelling forces make it urgent that additional tens of thousands of Jews be given speedy opportunity to depart from various parts of the world where to remain would entail actual peril to their lives."

Community Leaders Present Morgenthau with \$5,900,000 for 1949 Drive

Community representatives presented checks totalling \$5,900,000 to Mr. Morgenthau for this year's drive. The conference adopted a resolution on the occasion of Dr. Weizmann's 75th birthday expressing "profound gratitude for his great and historic service to the Jewish people."

Addressing the conference from his home in Princeton, N.J., over a radio hook-up, Dr. Albert Einstein stressed the importance of "consolidating that which has been accomplished in Israel with amazing energy and unequalled willingness for sacrifice." Paying tribute to the sacrifices made by the Jews of Israel, Dr. Einstein said they were now making an additional sacrifice in absorbing the vast influx of immigrants. The economic means of the Jews of Israel are not sufficient to bring this tremendous enterprise to a successful end, he added, "it must not happen that this work breaks down because Jews of this country do not help sufficiently or quickly enough."

In a message read to the conference yesterday, Israel Premier David Ben Gurion stated that because of the Arab states' refusal to conclude final peace agreements with Israel, the Jewish state must pour its resources into guaranteeing its

physical security. As a result, he said, the people of Israel find it necessary to appeal to American Jewry to assist them in the task of bringing immigrants to Israel and in absorbing them into the economy.

U.N. Conciliation Aids Arabs, Sharett Charges

Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett expressed hope that the war would not be resumed despite what he described as "sabre rattling" among the Arab nations. "Some Arab states are busy rearming," he added. Israel, he said, was preparing to meet any possible peril by overhauling and strengthening its defenses. Mr. Sharett charged that the Arab states were insincere in their negotiations and that "conciliation was not only of no avail but liable to do harm. It has enabled the Arab states to have it both ways, to refuse to negotiate and appear as if they were engaged in the process," he said.

"The attainment of a permanent and lasting peace," said the Israel leader, "remains a primary objective of Israel's foreign policy and the armistice agreement which Israel concluded with its four Arab neighbors in 1949 are a secure basis for such a peace." The entire Jewish world is awaiting anxiously the outcome of the U.N. debate on Jerusalem, he asserted, expressing the hope that the U.N. would not set up "an illusory international regime which might well plunge the city into chaos from which it has emerged after so much suffering."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, appealed to the conference not to allow local communal needs to deflect them from continuing large-scale support of Israel. The controversy over local needs, said Dr. Goldmann, versus overseas needs is meaningless. "Nobody denies the importance of local needs. The question is not one of principle but of timing," he pointed out.

Judge Rothenberg Reports on New Settlement Program

Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the U.J.A. and national chairman of the U.P.A., revealed to the delegates the details of a new plan, under which agricultural settlement in Israel has been accelerated. The new plan is based on the principle of placing a new immigrant on the soil before he has had any training and having him build his own home instead of his own farm as part of a community of 100 settlers. This plan has resulted in the establishment in the past year of 63 settlements of immigrants without any previous agricultural experience, he said.

Moses A. Beckelman, executive vice-chairman of the European Council of the J.D.C., declared that "there are areas in the Near East from which Jews are emigrating on a basis strongly reminiscent of the Nazi days before the war." Mr. Beckelman estimated that the J.D.C. would be called on in 1950 to move a minimum of 140,000 Jews to Israel and other countries. Of these he said, at least one-third will be fleeing for their lives. The ability of the J.D.C. to "transfer these 140,000, and possibly more if Iraq expels its Jewish population, depends solely on the response of American Jewish communities to the 1950 drive of the U.J.A."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, former Jewish Agency treasurer, who returned from Israel a short time ago, told the conference that to "the Jews in Israel, as well as to the Jews waiting to come to Israel, this United Jewish Appeal conference is a major event." The Jews in Israel look to it because the results of the U.J.A. campaign will determine to what degree their own burden will be lightened, he said, adding that Jews waiting to come to Israel look to the results of the U.J.A. campaign because these will determine whether they can get an "economic certificate of admission" into the Jewish national home.

SOLUTION OF JERUSALEM PROBLEM MAY NOT BE FOUND AT CURRENT UNITED NATIONS SESSION

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Well informed circles at the United Nations today expressed the belief that a solution of the Jerusalem question would not be found at the current session of the U.N. General Assembly. These circles pointed to the Israel and Transjordan rejections of the Conciliation Commission's plan to internationalize the city as one of the chief reasons for this belief.

The Israel position in relation to the city was stated by Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet, in his first speech to this session of the U.N. Mr. Sharet told the Special Political Committee, which began consideration of the issue last week, that Israel rejects the Conciliation Commission's plan to internationalize the entire city, although the Jewish state favors internationalization of the Old City in which most of the Holy Places are located.

At the same time, the Foreign Minister offered to conclude an agreement with the United Nations whereby the Jewish state would guarantee the safety of the Holy Places in the new city and would also guarantee free access to the shrines to all persons. He submitted a resolution which would authorize U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to sign an agreement with Israel on the supervision and protection of Holy Places in Jerusalem. Instead of a U.N. commission to represent the U.N. in the city the resolution proposes that Mr. Lie be permitted to send a representative, provided his nominee is acceptable to Israel.

"In particular," the proposed agreement said, "it is understood that nothing shall authorize the United Nations or the Secretary General or his representative to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of the State of Israel, or shall require the Government of Israel to submit any such matters to settlement under the Charter of the United Nations or under this agreement." The proposed agreement provided that any dispute over the interpretation of the agreement including the question whether a certain place was a Holy Place, should be settled by three arbitrators, one chosen by Israel, one by Mr. Lie, and the third by these two, or, in case of disagreement, by the president of the International Court of Justice.

Transjordan Rejects Internationalization; Favors Status Quo

In the first official statement ever made by a Transjordan spokesman before the United Nations, Fouzi Pasha el Mulki, King Abdullah's Minister of Defense, told the Special Political Committee yesterday that the Arab Legion would not be withdrawn from the city and that Transjordan favors continuance of the present situation whereby it controls the Old City and some of the outlying sections of the Jerusalem area, and the Israelis hold Jewish Jerusalem.

In a private memorandum circulated among several United Nations delegations, the Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday appealed for a return to the idea of establishing an international enclave in Jerusalem. Under his proposal, the large Jewish residential areas to the north and west of the old Walled City of Jerusalem would be included as a part of the territory of Israel.

The rest of the Jerusalem area would be assigned to the proposed international enclave and remain under international authority, with Jews and Arabs dwelling together with equal rights. The memorandum was submitted privately to several delegations, including the United States, Britain, Lebanon and Australia.

WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT REJECTS IDEA OF COLLECTIVE GERMAN GUILT FOR NAZI CRIMES

BONN, Germany, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The idea of collective guilt of the German people for Nazi atrocities against the Jews was rejected by Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the West German Federal Republic, at a press conference here this week-end. He added, however, that it was his belief that "the German people should feel collectively ashamed."

His government, he disclosed, will create a special section of Jewish affairs and assume "a positive attitude" on the problem of restitution to Jewish victims of the Hitler regime and expressed the hope that "it will be possible to slowly rebuild Jewish life in Germany." Dr. Heuss, emphasizing he could not consider issuing a public invitation to German Jews abroad to return to Germany stated he would welcome the return to Germany of Jews, especially those who still feel a "spiritual kinship" with this country and who have economic interests here.

Declaring his government would take a "positive attitude" on the question of restitution Dr. Heuss cautioned "this will be a lengthy process" and that the "sums involved are so great that at present we simply have not got the means to meet them at once." He promised a public statement on his attitude toward the Jewish people at the conference of the Association of Christians and Jews scheduled for Dec. 7 in Wiesbaden.

MAJOR ABRAHAM S. HYMAN APPOINTED NEW ADVISER ON JEWISH AFFAIRS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Major Abraham S. Hyman, Assistant Adviser on Jewish Affairs to the American Military Government in Germany since Aug. 1946, has been appointed Acting Adviser on Jewish Affairs to John J. McCloy, United States High Commissioner for Germany, it was announced this week-end.

Major Hyman was designated with the approval of the Department of State and the Department of the Army. His appointment was hailed by former adviser on Jewish Affairs Harry Greenstein as a "well-merited promotion for the highly successful skills Major Hyman displayed in his former post."

WJC CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO AID HEIRS OF PERSONS MISSING IN WORLD WAR II

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- An urgent plea for an international agreement to aid the heirs of millions of persons who disappeared during World War II has been presented to the United Nations by the World Jewish Congress.

The organization's memorandum discloses that the surviving relatives of millions of so-called missing persons cannot recover property and assets to which they are heirs because there is at present no means of obtaining legal death certificates. The memorandum emphasizes this problem cannot be met on the basis of legislation in individual countries and that the only way it can be met is by joint international action, such as has been proposed by the draft convention on missing persons prepared by a committee of experts and transmitted to the U.N. General Assembly.

STRIKE AVERTED AT HAIFA OIL REFINERIES; FOUR DISMISSED WORKERS REHIRED

HAIFA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A strike at the Haifa oil refineries has been averted, it was announced today, following the reinstatement yesterday of four dismissed employees. Extensive negotiations between management and the Haifa Labor Council led to the decision of the refineries to reemploy the dismissed men. The company agreed to consult with a workers' committee in cases of future dismissals.

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ISRAEL CELEBRATES WEIZMANN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY; RABBINATE, GOVERNMENT LEADERS GREET HIM

TEL AVIV, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- All Israel today celebrated President Chaim Weizmann's 75th birthday. This was the first time that the people of Israel officially marked Dr. Weizmann's birthday.

Flags were raised over all official buildings and over many private residences, while children in the schools heard special programs devoted to reviewing the life of the most venerated Jewish leader in the world. A government delegation, headed by Premier David Ben Gurion, and a rabbinical delegation, headed by Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel and Isaac Herzog, called on the President to present their congratulations.

A 21-gun salute was fired by an Army unit in this city at 10 A.M., marking the beginning of Dr. Weizmann's official day at Hakiryat. Among the visitors today was Soviet Ambassador Pavel Yershov who, acting as dean of the diplomatic corps, headed a group of diplomats conveying felicitations to Dr. Weizmann.

M. Yershov paid highest tribute to the President for his role in the formation of the Jewish state and acclaimed his contribution to science and his tireless efforts for world peace. In reply, Dr. Weizmann expressed the hope that he would rely on all the countries represented in Israel's diplomatic corps for developing the best efforts to establish a stable world peace.

In Jerusalem a special parade in honor of the President was held by the Israel guards isolated on Mt. Scopus area. Messages from all over the world poured into the President's office. Included among the messages were greetings from the Jewish Agency and 15,000 youths aided by the Youth Aliyah movement.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR ISRAEL PROCLAIMS \$10,000,000 FUND DRIVE FOR HISTADRUT

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A \$10,000,000 campaign for Histadrut was proclaimed here today at the 26th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel attended by more than 3,000 delegates from 250 cities in the United States, Canada, and Latin America.

In an address to the convention, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Reuben Shreibman asserted that three Arab states are vitally interested in concluding a peace treaty with Israel, but that they are unable to do so because of unstable internal conditions. He stated that the lack of peace is affecting a significant part of the economy of these states, which, he said, depend to a great extent on pilgrims and tourists.

Meir Grabowsky, majority leader in the Knesset, asserted that Israel was aware of activities within the Arab states and that she would rely solely on her own strength insofar as security for the country at large or Jerusalem is concerned. Mr. Grabowsky also lashed out at the Soviet Union, the countries of Eastern Europe, and the Arab states for their restricting the emigration of Israel-bound Jews.

Mayor William O'Dwyer of this city, at a luncheon of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut yesterday, declared his opposition to the American-supported U.N. plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem declaring that any suggestion that the U.N. could administer a city as large as Jerusalem "just does not make sense." The convention received messages hailing Histadrut's work from President Truman and Israel President Weizmann.

NATIONAL FRATERNITY GROUP RECOMMENDS COLLEGE GROUPS ELIMINATE RACE BIAS IN CHARTERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The National Interfraternity Conference this week-end recommended to college fraternities that they end all racial, religious and nationality discrimination in the acceptance of members.

The vote came one day after the executive committee of the Conference decided not to act on the issue. However, a concerted movement on the part of undergraduates, who have no vote on matters of Conference policy, forced the executive to reconsider. The major impetus for reconsideration came from student leaders of New England and midwest colleges.

The Conference resolution finally adopted a resolution which recommended that the fraternities consider the question of discrimination "in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate" discriminatory provisions of their charters.

JUNIOR HADASSAH PARLEY CLOSURE; ADOPTS \$200,000 BUDGET; REPEALS U.N. PLAN ON JERUSALEM

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The 26th annual Junior Hadassah convention concluded here this week-end after the adoption of a budget of \$200,000 for next year and the election of Miss Sarah Wiseman of Brooklyn as president. The 1,000 delegates also adopted a resolution attacking the United Nations Conciliation Commission's plan to internationalize Jerusalem as "impractical, unfair and unjust."

JUNIOR MIZRAHI WOMEN END CONVENTION; ASK U.S. TO RECONSIDER JERUSALEM POSITION

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The 10th annual convention of the Junior Mizrahi Women's Organization of America closed here today after deciding to launch a membership drive to double the group's current membership. A resolution, adopted by the 800 delegates, called on the United States to reconsider its latest position in favor of the U.N. proposal to internationalize Jerusalem.

SMUTS APPEALS FOR RENEWAL OF ANGLO-JEWISH FRIENDSHIP AT LONDON DINNER IN HIS HONOR

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Over 1,500 guests attended a reception here in honor of former South African Premier Jan Christiaan Smuts. The guest of honor reiterated his appeal for a renewal of "Anglo-Jewish friendship, since both peoples have a common faith in the dignity of human personality."

Gen. Smuts, asserting his belief in "Israel's mission as a unifying and pacifying force in the Middle East," recalled the "great things which Israel has given to the world throughout history." President Weizmann's "40 years in England," he added, "led to the development of a close relationship between the British and Jewish peoples."

ALEXANDER SELDIN, A FOUNDER OF YIDDISH WRITERS UNION, DIES AT 67

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Alexander Seldin, columnist and editorial writer for the Jewish Day from 1914 to 1947 died this week-end at the Gouverneur Hospital here which he entered recently. He was 67 years old. Mr. Seldin was a founder of the J.L. Perez Verein, union of Jewish news writers, of which he was president for several years.