

Monday, September 11, 1950



## Daily News Bulletin

Published by the JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY - 106 East 41st Street, New York 17, N.Y.

JEWISH NEW YEAR STARTS TOMORROW EVENING; SERVICES ARRANGED FOR JEWISH GI'S IN KOREA

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish year of 5711 will be ushered in tomorrow night by Jews throughout the world with prayers for world peace, for Israel to surmount the difficulties it now faces, and for the enrichment of Jewish life in all parts of the globe.

In the Korean combat zone, Jewish servicemen will observe the holiday in makeshift facilities where three Jewish chaplains will conduct Rosh Hashanah services with religious supplies furnished by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Similar services for Jews in the American armed forces have been arranged by the J.W.B. at all bases in the Pacific, occupied Europe and in the United States.

In a Rosh Hashanah message to American Jewry, Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that "American Zionists stand solidly behind the United Nations and our own government in their position against aggression in Korea and in the action to bring a halt to the march of the enemy which threatens to destroy our liberties."

Pointing out that "Israel has demonstrated its loyalty to the Charter of the United Nations" and that "the Jewish state of Israel was among the first of the free and democratic nations of the world--in sharp contrast to the attitude of so-called neutrality and straddling by the Arab states--to voice its support of the efforts of the United Nations to restore peace and security in Korea," the Z.O.A. president called upon the American Government and people, "as the foremost champions of the cause of freedom of little nations, to continue to extend maximum economic and moral aid to the fledgling state of Israel."

The message also pointed out that the American Jewish community--no matter what differences of opinion may exist on other issues--is united in its determination to aid in the economic and political security of the Jewish state. Moreover, it said, American public opinion as a whole has come to the realization that Israel constitutes a strategic bulwark of democracy in the Middle East.

J.D.C.'s "Operation Magic Carpet" Ends During Holidays

Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported in his Rosh Hashanah message that the High Holy Days would see the successful termination of the J.D.C.'s "Operation Magic Carpet" when the last of some 50,000 Yemenite Jews are flown out of Aden September 19. He extended "warmest thanks" to the American Jewish community for its aid to the J.D.C. programs but warned that 75,000 Jews in Europe and Moslem countries will be unable to go to Israel because the J.D.C. will have used up all of its emigration funds this month.

In Albany, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey issued a message to the Jews on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah expressing the hope that the new year would bring "peace and spiritual renewal to all mankind." The Governor's message spoke of the "firm and steady progress which the state of Israel has continued to make a free and independent nation." He added that "it is obvious, however, that such progress for Israel and other peoples can only be assured in a peaceful world."

NATIONAL PARLEY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. OPENS NEXT MONTH

JERUSALEM. Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A national conference of representatives of all leading Jewish organizations in the United States which will sanction the decision taken at the urgent economic conference here last week will be opened in New York on Oct. 24, it was announced here today by Eliahu Dobkin, Jewish Agency leader. The conference is expected to approve a campaign for the sale in the United States of \$1,000,000 in Israel bonds, as well as the expansion of the United Jewish Appeal and to consider measures to encourage private investment in Israel industry.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency today adopted a three-month budget, leaving the decision on an annual budget to the plenary meeting of the Agency, which will be held in New York prior to the national conference. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency, and Benjamin Brody, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today flew to the U.S.

An internal public loan of 6,000,000 Israel pounds was launched this week-end by the Ministry of Finance in accordance with a decision adopted by the Israel Parliament last July. Each bond costs 20 pounds. Buyers of bonds become eligible to win lottery prizes, the highest of which will be 50,000 pounds. A second loan will follow shortly, Eliezer Kaplan, Israel Minister of Finance, announced.

HISTADRUT COUNCIL VOTES TO LEAVE LEFTWING WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- An all-night meeting of the Histadrut Council, policy-making board of the labor federation, concluded at dawn today with the adoption of a resolution approving the decision of the Histadrut executive to disaffiliate the group from the leftwing World Federation of Trade Unions. The vote, 109 to 74, was split strictly along party lines, with the Mapai majority outvoting the Mapam and splinter groups.

The Council also voted, by 111 to 71, to approve the government's rationing and wage control policy. The resolution declared that "only by the rationing of essential goods and rigid control of prices is it possible to ensure an equitable distribution of essential commodities." It also denounced blackmarketeering for raising prices.

A Mapai offer to the Mapam to run a joint slate in the forthcoming municipal elections was turned down, and the General Zionist Laborites also refused to participate in a single list. The Mapai representatives said that although national politics were not involved, a unified labor slate would be a reply to the growing strength of the rightwing parties. The Mapam representatives said that since the two parties remained separated on political issues in the Knesset there was no point to unity on the municipal level.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES DELEGATION TO U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO BE HEADED BY SHARETT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The composition of the Israel delegation to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly session, which opens at Flushing Meadows on Sept. 19, was announced here this week-end.

Headed by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, it will include Ambassador Abba Eban, New York Consul-General Arthur Lurie, Dr. Jacob Robinson and Zalman Aaroni. The alternates are: Dr. Yehuda Kohn, Dr. Shmuel Eliashiv, Gideon Raphael, Moshe Tov and Joseph Goren. Minister Sharett will leave Israel this Thursday for the United States.

9/11/50

ISRAEL IS AMERICA'S BEST FRIEND IN NEAR EAST, BLAUSTEIN REPORTS; APPEALS FOR U.S. AID

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- "Israel is the best friend America ever had in the Near East," Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, told a press conference this week-end upon his return from a visit to the Jewish state. He expressed confidence that the vast majority of American Jewry will continue "to recognize the necessity and the desirability of helping to make Israel a strong, viable, self-supporting state" and will do its full part in helping achieve that objective "for the sake of Israel itself and the good of the world."

At the same time, Mr. Blaustein called upon President Truman to extend his "point-four" program to Israel, emphasizing that the people of Israel are building a real democracy. "For America and the other free democracies it is of enormous significance to have in Israel not only a democratic form of government but a way of life that is based on democratic and humane values," he said.

Lauding Israel Premier David Ben Gurion as "truly a great man," Mr. Blaustein said that President Chaim Weizmann, with whom he conferred in Switzerland, authorized him to say that he wholeheartedly concurs in the clarification by Premier Ben Gurion of the relations between American Jewry and the Jewish state and with the philosophy which Mr. Ben Gurion developed in a statement in Jerusalem at a luncheon in honor of Mr. Blaustein. The main point of that philosophy is that the allegiance of American Jews is owed to America alone and that the Jews of the United States--as a community and as individuals--have no political attachment to Israel.

Mr. Blaustein declared that he was profoundly impressed by the progress made in Israel since his last visit, 18 months ago. He asserted that the "incredible increase" in population--over 70 percent since the establishment of the Jewish state--is largely responsible for the economic problems facing Israel. However, he expressed the opinion that "with their rare combination of idealism and realism, the Israelis will continue to tackle their problems vigorously with their usual energy, resourcefulness and common sense."

NEUMANN, AT TEL AVIV RALLY, ATTACKS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT FOR "LEANING ON" NON-ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A huge crowd which filled Tel Aviv's Mograbi Theatre and overflowed into the adjacent street last night heard Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, attack the Israel Government for allegedly slighting the World Zionist Organization and the Z.O.A. by "leaning on" non-Zionist elements in the United States.

Addressing the General Zionist rally, Dr. Neumann appealed for a strengthening of the ranks of the Zionist movement which he termed Israel's "most loyal ally." Dr. Neumann warned that the World Zionist Organization may be confronted with early liquidation and expressed regret that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress had been postponed until next year.

He bitterly characterized the Israel Government's attitude toward the Zionist Organization as extending "de jure recognition but not de facto." This situation, he added, had created a "state of cold war" between the two.

Dr. Neumann insisted that the Israel Government's underestimation of the strength of the organized Zionist movement throughout the world led to the lessening of Zionist enthusiasm and subsequently a drop in the yield of the fund-raising campaigns. He announced the General Zionists' readiness to extend cooperation to all enterprises which lend stability to the country.

9/11/50

150-YEAR-OLD JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BUDAPEST DISSOLVES ITSELF; NEW COMMUNITY FORMED

BUDAPEST, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The 150-year-old Pest Jewish Community held its last general meeting today, liquidating itself and making place for the newly-founded Budapest Israelite Community, established with the approval of the government and including all former autonomous Jewish communities.

The historic significance of the event was emphasized by speakers at the meeting who said that the reorganization will bring about the unity of Hungarian Jewry. The new community will continue to foster free religious life among the Jews of Hungary, in conformity with the principles of the state, Lajos Stockler, the president, told the gathering.

JEWS OF BULGARIA REPORTED LOSING CONTACT WITH JUDAISM, BEING ABSORBED IN COUNTRY'S LIFE

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The several thousand Jews who remain in Bulgaria are gradually losing their connections with Judaism and are being completely absorbed into the country's life, the Jewish Chronicle reported here today.

The report stated that books with "a Jewish national tendency" have been removed from the Jewish community's library and that the Jewish center in Sofia was recently taken over by the authorities and has been put to use as a Communist office.

CANADIAN LABOR BODY OPPOSES ADMISSION OF UKRAINIAN NAZI COLLABORATORS AS IMMIGRANTS

TORONTO, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A resolution asking for government action to prevent the admission to Canada as immigrants of 20,000 members of the Ukrainian S.S. Halychyna division--which fought in the ranks of the German Army during World War II--was adopted here unanimously by the local Labor Council.

The National Council of the Native Sons of Canada has revoked the charter of its La Fontaine chapter of Quebec Province because of the chapter's "continued public expression of anti-Semitic views."

In a letter announcing the organization's decision, an official explained that the La Fontaine chapter's actions were "contrary to the spirit of our constitution and the repeated protests of our national Council executives."

TRIAL OF SLOVAK ACCUSED OF COLLABORATING WITH NAZIS POSTPONED; WOMAN FACES COURT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The trial of Andrei Benik, former member of the Nazi Hlinka Guard in Slovakia, on charges of having collaborated with the Nazis and having robbed, tortured and killed Jews was today postponed by a Jerusalem magistrate until September 25. Benik, who came to Israel last year with his Jewish wife, is being tried under the recently enacted Israel law providing punishment for any Israel resident proven to have been a Nazi or Nazi collaborator.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, Elsa Trunk, a 26-year-old girl who served under the Nazis as an auxiliary guard in the Oswiecim extermination camp in Poland, went on trial this week-end on charges of mistreating Jewish inmates at Oswiecim. She is the third person to be tried under the new law. She was recognized by settlers in Kfar Saba, in the Sharon district, who came here from Germany.

1,000 HONOR ABRAHAM CAHAN AT 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION; TRUMAN HAILS VETERAN JOURNALIST

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 labor friends, labor leaders, Jewish communal figures, journalists and others attended the 90th birthday celebration of Abraham Cahan at the Hotel Commodore this week-end. The luncheon was arranged by a committee of his friends to honor the founder and editor of the Jewish Daily Forward who pioneered Jewish journalism in this country and at the same time carved for himself a niche among America's literary figures and in its labor movement. The affair was presided over by Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Forward.

President Truman and Israel Premier David Ben Gurion were among the outstanding world figures who sent messages of greeting to Mr. Cahan. The Israel Premier described the veteran editor as the "titan" of Jewish journalism. Other messages were received from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York; Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the British Privy Council; Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; and Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O. President Truman's message declared:

"Your ninetieth birthday is an important milestone not only for you but for the democracy you have so faithfully served. Your contribution has been great. As editor, writer and political scientist you have provided the foundation for much that is fine in our American community. You have been a valiant fighter in the constant struggle against tyranny. We hope we shall have your aid in the continuing fight for many additional years."

Among the speakers at the luncheon were William Green; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Jacob Rotofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Alex Rose, president of Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union; Adolph Held, president of Forward Association and Mr. Kahn. Mr. Green said that the aged labor leader was an "example of what can be produced by our American way of life." He recalled that Mr. Cahan came from Russia and after studying the English language and taking advantage of American freedom became one of the leading figures in American life.

NATIONAL JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE CONCLUDES; PLEDGES TO BUILD UNIFIED COMMUNITY

HARRONSBURG, N.Y., Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The week-long session of the National Jewish Youth Conference, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, this week-end adopted a resolution dedicating its members to the building of a unified democratic and creative Jewish community.

The conference asked its affiliated organizations to "observe the basis of Jewish tradition" in all of their public undertakings and to develop programs that will guide and encourage the introduction and the practice of Jewish customs and traditions in the Jewish home. M. David Weiss of Munhall, Pennsylvania, an Air Force veteran, was elected chairman.

COLLECTION OF GIFTS FOR CHILDREN FOR HANUKKAH AND CHRISTMAS TO BE MADE FOR SIXTH YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Plans for the sixth annual collection of gifts for the Hanukkah and Christmas seasons to be carried out by children up to the age of 18 in the United States and some 18 countries abroad were announced here today by the Committee on World Friendship among Children.

The Committee, assisted by the mayors of the capital and major cities of the countries involved, which includes Israel, will celebrate the sixth festival this year on December 15, between the Hanukkah and Christmas periods. In the last five years some 200,000 children have exchanged over 2,000,000 gifts and handpainted greeting cards.

CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS \$2,500,000 WORTH OF MATERIALS FOR ISRAEL

WINNIPEG, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Nearly \$2,500,000 worth of Canadian lumber, aluminum and blankets has been contracted for by the Zionist Organization of Canada for shipment to Israel, according to an announcement here by S.E. Schwisberg of Montreal and Edward E. Gelber of Toronto, national co-presidents of the Z.O.C. The lumber and aluminum will be used to build houses in Israel for many of the 190,000 immigrants now resident in transit camps there. The blankets also will be devoted to the needs of immigrants, now arriving in Israel.

The announcement said purchase of the lumber, aluminum and blankets had been made possible by a \$2,000,000 credit provided by the Royal Bank of Canada. The credit is to be repaid out of proceeds of the United Israel Appeal campaigns in Canada. The shipments are scheduled to be completed by June of next year.

U.S. BUSINESS AND LABOR GROUPS SUBSCRIBE \$500,000 WORTH OF BONDS FOR ISRAEL HOUSING

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- More than \$500,000 worth of bonds issued by the non-profit Amun-Israeli Housing Corporation were subscribed at a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Astor, it was reported here today.

Proceeds of the \$10,000,000 issue of 15-year three percent sinking fund bonds, \$6,000,000 worth of which has already been taken, will finance the construction of 8,000 low-cost homes for workers and farmers in Israel. This will help relieve a critical housing shortage which has arisen as the result of heavy immigration, the manufacturers were told. The Amun-Israeli corporation is the first joint financial effort of business and labor leaders.

ONE OF OLDEST SYNAGOGUES IN UNITED STATES TO CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL OF ITS FOUNDING

CHARLESTON, S.C., Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Plans for the bicentennial celebration of the founding of Congregation Kahal Kadosh Beth Elchim, one of the oldest Jewish congregations in the United States, were announced here today.

Dr. Maurice M. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will give an address at special services next Friday. The services will be conducted by Dr. Allan Tarshish, rabbi of the historic synagogue.

JACOB HELLMAN, WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER, LABOR ZIONIST SPOKESMAN, DIES AT 68

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A huge crowd today attended the funeral here of Jacob Hellman, World Jewish Congress leader and outstanding member of the Mapai, who died yesterday of a heart attack. He was 68.

Dr. Hellman attained world fame as a deputy in the Latvian Parliament during the 1920's and was one of Latvian Jewry's top leaders until the fascist revolt there in 1934. He was the founder and editor of the Riga Jewish daily Primorgen. In Warsaw, where he went in 1934, he established a Histadrut newspaper and served for five years as the World Jewish Congress representative in Poland.

In 1939 he migrated to Argentina where he became one of the Congress leaders for Latin America. A close collaborator of Chaim Arlosoroff and one of the major ideological spokesmen of the Labor Zionist movement, Dr. Hellman spent the last year of his life writing a book entitled "Jerusalem," which is scheduled to be published within the next few days.