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J.D.C. DIRECTORS CONFERENCE HEARS REPORT ON CARE OF HANDICAPPED IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

PARIS, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Malben, the special organization to care for handicapped immigrants in Israel now has 2,500 persons under institutional care, and hopes to have an additional 2,000 by mid 1951, it was reported today by Charles Passman, executive director of the welfare organization and J.D.C. director for the Middle East, at the J.D.C. country director's conference here.

Mr. Passman said that Malben is giving top priority to providing suitable care for immigrants with tuberculosis, since inadequate help to such newcomers might endanger large sections of the population of Israel. He reported that when Malben began its operations a year ago, under the combined sponsorship of the J.D.C., the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel, only 300 beds were available in all Israeli institutions for tuberculars.

Since that time, Mr. Passman said, Malben has made another 500 beds available, and by the end of 1951 should be caring for 2,000 tuberculars. He expressed the belief that when this goal is reached the TB problem in Israel will be under control.

At the same time, Mr. Passman reported that Malben has set up a unique village for blind immigrants, at Gedera, Israel. Here 40 families are now living--all fully self-supporting. The sightless newcomers are taught skills by which they can earn their own livelihoods before being moved to Gedera.

Other activities conducted by Malben include an old-age program serving 700 persons. Two new Malben homes alone house 370 aged persons and facilities are planned to aid 1,000. Malben also provides prosthetic devices for the disabled, and is helping a number of retarded children.

Malben came into being in 1949 when the J.D.C., Jewish Agency and Israel Government established a \$15,000,000 fund to furnish proper social service care for handicapped displaced persons and other immigrants. The I.R.O. contributed an additional sum of \$2,500,000. Harold Goldenberg, formerly an outstanding American Jewish leader, who has moved to Israel, is chairman of the Malben board.

60 PERSONS ARRESTED IN ISRAEL IN FIRST FIVE DAYS OF ANTI-BLACK MARKET CAMPAIGN

TEL AVIV, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Police headquarters here today announced that 207 persons have been arrested in the first five days of the nation-wide anti-black market drive. Of this number, 185 have already been indicted, the announcement said, adding that 10 tons of food and large quantities of various other goods have already been confiscated from illicit hoards.

Haifa port authorities who have been confiscating food parcels of immigrants as part of the anti-black market campaign were ordered by the government to halt the confiscations immediately. The unprecedented action had caused considerable bitterness among new arrivals and among members of the Haifa community.

WITH ELIAHU CONFERS IN LONDON; DETAILS OF TALKS NOT MADE PUBLIC

LONDON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today received Israel Minister Eliahu Elath, at the latter's request. The subject of the half-hour conversation at the Foreign Office was not disclosed.

R. NAHUM GOLDMANN TELLS CANADIAN JEWS GREATER EFFORTS NEEDED IN ISRAEL'S BEHALF

MONTREAL, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The charge that the Jewish people are not fully living up to their commitments and obligations to Israel was made here this week by R. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, at a crowded meeting sponsored by the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Dr. Goldmann declared that although it was understandable that the Jewish people greeted the establishment of the Jewish state with enthusiasm and consider its victory over the invading Arabs and its admission to the U.N. as evidence of great progress, they were not justified in assuming that the foundations of the state have been secured. He insisted that every Jew must still make great efforts to help Israel in its present economic crisis through larger financial contributions, investments and the immigration of pioneers.

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR "NORDAU PLAZA," PROJECTED AS ONE OF LARGEST HOTELS IN NEAR EAST

TEL AVIV, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the "Nordau Plaza," projected as one of the largest hotels in the Near East, was laid here yesterday.

The building, which will extend over an area of 25 acres, will contain 200 suites and several large public halls with facilities for thousands of guests. The eight-story building, situated on a height overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, will feature sea bathing and a swimming pool.

The hotel will be owned by a corporation capitalized at 1,000,000 pounds (\$2,800,000) invested by Belgian and British interests.

DUTCH PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS PRESENT WORKS OF ART TO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Thirty-two Dutch artists presented a number of their paintings and sculptures to the state of Israel at a ceremony here today attended by the Israel Minister to Holland, Dr. Michael Amir, and Amsterdam city officials. The gifts were presented to Dr. Amir by sculptor Johan Van Zweden who termed them an expression of friendship and esteem for the new state.

Mr. Van Zweden pointed out that The Netherlands, and particularly the city of Amsterdam, owed much to Jews. In an address, partially delivered in Dutch, Dr. Amir thanked the artists for their gifts.

LEAGUE AGAINST RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM PROTESTS AGAINST PLANS TO RE-ARM GERMANY

PARIS, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism has issued a statement protesting plans to re-arm Germany. The League appeals to the United Nations as "the supreme world authority," and asks that the "search for European salvation should not be made through the solemn absolution of the chief criminal in modern history."

FORMER GESTAPO LEADER SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS

MUNICH, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Gustav Rossbach, a former Gestapo leader in Radom, Poland, has been sentenced by a German court at Ulm to serve six years' imprisonment following his conviction on charges of having committed war crimes against Jews. At an earlier trial on the same charges last year, Rossbach received an eight-year sentence.

OPERATION OF CENTRAL ISRAEL FUND IS URGED AT THREE C.J.F.W.F. REGIONAL CONFERENCES

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- More than 500 delegates to three regional conferences of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds--West Central, Southwestern and Southwestern--have passed resolutions urging the creation of a central Israel fund to "insure maximum benefit" from philanthropic contributions through local welfare funds. In addition, the West Central and Southwestern meetings considered other possible forms of aid to Israel and declared that funds secured through loans and private investments should be "in addition to and not a substitute for" maximum dollars contributed through welfare funds.

Delegates from 88 Jewish communities participated in the three C.J.F.W.F. conferences which were held last week-end. The Southeastern Region met at New Orleans; the Southwestern Region at Oklahoma City; and the West Central Region at Kansas City. Discussions at the conferences considered major problems facing American Jewish communities in planning to meet their total 1951 responsibilities--overseas, national and local.

1951 Drives Must Continue to Meet Israel Responsibilities, Myers Says

Stanley C. Myers, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who was the principal speaker at the Southeastern Regional meeting, stressed that welfare fund campaigns in 1951 must continue to meet their large-scale philanthropic responsibilities in Israel which include housing, immigration and adjustment. Pointing out that philanthropy to date has been by far Israel's greatest source of aid and has been responsible primarily for preventing a collapse of its economy, Mr. Myers stated:

"American Jewry's philanthropic efforts during the past few years have not only been translated into relief and rehabilitation programs, but have provided the foreign exchange by which Israel has been enabled to import the products which it urgently requires, and has provided the ultimate assurance of repayment of loans and foreign credits."

For these reasons, the C.J.F.W.F. president continued, the Israel leaders considered U.J.A. dollars their preferred priority. They are free dollars and immediate dollars, he said, adding that welfare fund campaigns for the U.J.A., which have been the sources from which Israel has received hundreds of millions of dollars, should be strengthened in 1951. Referring to the proposed bond drive for Israel, he urged that funds for this purpose "must be over and above maximum funds contributed to welfare funds; and they must not be a diversion from or in any way a substitute for philanthropic funds."

In another address, H.L. Lurie, C.J.F.W.F. executive director, pointed out that communal programs are no longer in the spirit of traditional benevolence but group cooperation to achieve community-wide services which will benefit all local residents. Jewish central organizations, Mr. Lurie revealed, are becoming increasingly representative of all legitimate groups and viewpoints. However, to assure maximum cooperative action, these community agencies must attain the widest possible participation, including women and youth groups.

Harold Glasser, director of the C.J.F.W.F. Institute on Overseas Studies, and William R. Sinkin, San Antonio, were the principal speakers at the Southwestern meeting. Mr. Glasser declared that only through large-scale expansion of industry and agriculture could the new state solve its difficulties. The foreign position is the key to the whole economic problem, he stated, adding that Israel is hard at work to secure a favorable export-import balance.

New presidents of the three C.J.F.W.F. regions for 1951 include James L. Permutt, Birmingham, Southeastern; Harry C. Jacobs, Kansas City, West Central; and Henry S. Jacobus, Dallas, Southwestern.

JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS FOR REPEAL OF ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACT; WARNS ON GERMAN MILITARISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Millor, president of the American Jewish Congress, pledged support last night to the ten U.S. Senators who will seek repeal of the McCarran-Wood measure when Congress reconvenes next month. The pledge was endorsed by the national executive committee of the Congress.

The executive committee adopted a resolution warning that rearmament or remilitarization of Germany without rigid safeguards and controls would constitute a most serious threat to world democracy and peace. It also expressed serious concern over "reports that the Allied Powers are preparing to transfer competence in restitution matters to the West German authorities." The executive committee called on the U.S. Government to oppose any transfer of powers in restitution matters to the Bonn authorities unless the following binding undertakings are assumed by Germany:

1. No amendment of existing restitution legislation which might be detrimental to the victims of Nazism;
2. The full maintenance of the status and rights of successor organizations designed to protect the interests of Nazi victims;
3. Decisions and opinions handed down by United States courts in connection with restitution appeals must be considered an integral part of any German legislation;
4. The rights of absentee owners and claimants are not to be inferior to those granted to claimants residing in Germany;
5. Restituted property belonging to absentees should not be subject to levies and taxes for German reconstruction and reparation purposes.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DENOUNCE HATE CAMPAIGN BEING CONDUCTED BY MERWIN K. HART

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Merwin K. Hart and his National Economic Council were denounced by six major Jewish organizations which warned that Hart is financing "a many-sided program of hate-mongering" with funds contributed by Americans who are under the mistaken impression they are thus helping to combat Communism.

The statement was occasioned by the appearance in recent weeks of paid advertisements in "several responsible daily newspapers, soliciting contributions for the National Economic Council on the grounds that it is combatting Communism."

Organizations which signed the statement were: American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Jewish Labor Committee; National Community Relations Advisory Council; Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The statement by the organizations said that the American public should be "informed of the true character and purposes of the National Economic Council, and of its principal executive officer, Merwin K. Hart, in order that they may not be misled as to the nature and objectives of this organization by reason of the appearance of its advertisements in reputable newspapers." It pointed out that recent "exposure" of Hart before Congressional investigating committees and in the public press have cost him the support of many citizens and organizations.

ADOLFO KATES, CUBAN JEW, GETS HIGH GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO COUNTRY

HAVANA, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Adolfo Kates, a Jewish communal leader here, yesterday was awarded the Orden de Caballero Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, which is awarded by the Cuban President to prominent Cuban citizens for services rendered to this country. Mr. Kates is active in all Jewish communal activities here and is a generous supporter of all Jewish fund campaigns.

LECTIONS TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT CANADA ON NOVEMBER 26

MONTREAL, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The election of delegates to the forthcoming 23rd World Zionist Congress will be held throughout Canada on Sunday, November 26, according to an announcement by the Canadian Central Election Board.

Having sold more than 55,000 Shekolim, Zionist groups in Canada will be entitled to 11 or 12 delegates at this Congress. At the last Congress, Canadian Jews were represented by four General Zionists, three Labor Zionists, two Mizrahi, one Revisionist and one Left Poale-Zion.

TRIBUNAL IN N.Y. STUDIES CHARGES BROUGHT BY ONE EX-NAZI CAMP INMATE AGAINST ANOTHER

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- At the suggestion of the American Jewish Congress, a three-member tribunal convened here yesterday to consider charges brought by Benjamin Krieger, a former inmate of the Muhlendorf concentration camp, against Meyer Mitelman, also a former inmate who served as a block clerk and who is at present employed by a synagogue in Oliphant, Pa., as a chicken slaughterer and a religious functionary.

Mr. Krieger maintains that the defendant killed his brother, Zelman, when he struck him over the head with a metal plate. The tribunal's findings will eventually be released to the Jewish community in Oliphant, without recommendations or sanctions.

ZION'S CHURCHES URGED TO INCREASE RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE AMONG MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- An appeal to the nation's churches to begin a drive to increase the influence of religion on members of the armed services was issued here yesterday after its formal presentation to President Truman by Frank L. Hill, chairman of the President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces. The appeal was signed by representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, including Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN PLANS TO SUPPLY CHAPLAINS TO ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Active participation of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in plans to supply U.S. armed forces with chaplains was announced today by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the institution. "In the last year," Dr. Glueck told the board of governors of the seminary, "the Liberal movement furnished about one-half of the entire Jewish Chaplains Corps. Our graduates will undoubtedly meet their full responsibilities again. If our armed forces remain at a high level, it may well be that our men may be asked to enter the armed forces as chaplains for a period of several years."

The board approved plans for a nationwide combined campaign in behalf of the college-institute and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Dr. Samuel S. Holsinger, general chairman of the drive, in a report to the meeting, stated that the campaign to be launched shortly in some 325 communities in the United States and Canada, will have a national goal of \$1,875,000. He also reported an increase of \$280,000 in funds raised last year over the previous year.