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U.J.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE SETS MINIMUM 1951 BUDGET OF \$203,000,000 FOR ITS AGENCIES

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Underlining the urgent need for large sums of money to meet the resettlement and rehabilitation needs of Jews in Israel and elsewhere the national annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal today set a minimum budget of \$203,684,577 for its component agencies. At the same time, the 800 delegates from all parts of the country unanimously drafted Edward M.M. Warburg to succeed Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as general chairman of the 1951 drive.

A resolution stressing the "now or never" urgency of the immigration situation of large numbers of Jews in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East called for an all-out effort to raise unprecedented sums and to speed the delivery of cash to the U.J.A. A three-point program for speeding up the delivery of cash was approved: 1. All contributors were asked to make advance payments on their campaign pledges for 1951. 2. Local drive committees were urged to borrow from local banks in anticipation of the results of the 1951 drive. 3. An intensive year-round collection effort organized on the same basis as a regular fund-raising drive was also suggested.

In another resolution the conference urged communities to launch their 1951 campaigns at the earliest possible date. This is vital, the resolution said, "because the agencies of the U.J.A. are engaged in a program of migration and rehabilitation aid in Israel and elsewhere which in the present world emergency must be enlarged to rescue and resettle maximum numbers of Jews while they still can be reached and saved."

Silver Plaque Presented to Morgenthau

Other resolutions praised the "memorable record of accomplishment" of Mr. Morgenthau, who it is reported will head the forthcoming four-point Israel fund-raising program in this country, and the "insight, tenacity and selfless devotion" of Henry Montor, who resigned after 11 years as director of the U.J.A., to administer the new Israel financial program. A silver plaque was presented at a luncheon session today to Mr. Morgenthau in honor of his four years of service as the general chairman. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, presenting the plaque, lauded the former Secretary of the Treasury as "a great American and humanitarian, who served his nation in times of crisis with tremendous distinction."

Speaking at an earlier session, Mr. Morgenthau stressed the key importance of Israel as an ally of the democratic forces. He declared: "I fervently believe that the reconstruction of Israel and its consolidation economically and militarily as a strong arm of democracy and as an ally of the United States in our common objective of human freedom and world peace represents a major obligation of American Jewry. In these days of anxiety and crisis for the democratic world, Israel must be strengthened to preserve the Jewish people and to help preserve all the values and all the values and all the ideals which are so dear to mankind."

At the same session Moshe Sharett, Israel Foreign Minister, told the delegates that "Israel would do everything in its power to save Jews for freedom so long

as fear, misery and homelessness remain their lot in other parts of the world." The Foreign Minister declared that Israel's immigration and resettlement programs must be dictated "by the dire need of the Jewish masses which stream into the country. And stream into Israel they will so long as they will continue to be driven by misery and by fear, so long as they will continue to be drawn to Israel by the promise, the hope of a life of freedom, dignity and productivity."

Describing Israel's efforts to achieve production to facilitate the country's ability to absorb the hundreds of thousands of newcomers pouring into the Jewish state, Mr. Sharett said: "Israel is crying out for technical know-how. It is crying out above all for capital to be invested in production, to provide immediate employment to people, to reduce our dollar shortage, to increase our exports, to reduce our imports by manufacturing things on the spot for the local market. That is the crying need. It is a challenge, it is a constructive challenge. Let us hope it will be answered in increasing measure."

#### 400,000 Jews Will Ask J.D.C. Aid Next Year

Describing the past achievements as well as the 1951 needs of the Joint Distribution Committee, of which he was director-general until he accepted the post of executive vice-chairman of the 1951 U.J.A., Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz estimated that a minimum of 400,000 Jews in Europe, Moslem lands and Israel would require assistance from the J.D.C. next year. In addition, he said, the J.D.C. would have to assist about 25,000 persons in DP camps and other areas to migrate to the United States and other western lands.

In this connection, he emphasized that while the United Palestine Appeal would henceforth be responsible for transportation of immigrants to Israel, the J.D.C. would continue its financial support for migration to countries other than Israel. Dr. Schwartz added that the J.D.C. must continue its relief, medical aid, educational and economic help for additional tens of thousands of Jews who live under "indescribably wretched conditions" in a half-dozen Moslem lands, including countries in North Africa and the Near East.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, who presented the \$203,000,000 budget of the U.J.A. agencies to the conference, reported that the U.P.A. will need \$174,000,000 next year to transport 200,000 new immigrants to Israel and resettle them there. This figure includes over \$82,000,000 for vastly expanded agricultural programs and \$15,000,000 for the transportation of immigrants to Israel, formerly financed by the J.D.C. The latter group will need \$22,350,000 next year, while United Service for New Americans, the third partner in the U.J.A., will need \$7,288,577.

#### C.J.F.W.F. President Urges U.J.A. Priority in Drives

Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, said that "we must continue our emphasis on the primacy of the U.J.A. as a channel of philanthropic aid to Israel. All other philanthropic campaigns for Israel must be considered as supplementary to the U.J.A."

Mr. Warburg, accepting the chairmanship, declared "the new Jewish state represents a beachhead of democracy in the Near East and it is urgent we do all in our power to strengthen it." In addition to drafting Warburg and naming Dr. Schwartz, the conference elected the following officers for the 1951 campaign: William Rosenwald, Rudolph G. Sonnenborn and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairmen; and I. Edwin Goldwasser and Jacob Sincoff, co-treasurers.

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ENDS WITHOUT ACTION ON JERUSALEM ISSUE

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly concluded its fifth plenary session during the week-end without coming to any definite decision on the status of Jerusalem. It thus left on record the 1949 resolution which provides for the internationalization of the Jerusalem area, but took no action to implement this resolution.

The failure of the Assembly to reach any conclusive decision on the Jerusalem issue resulted from the failure of a Belgian resolution--opposed by the United States, Britain, Israel and other countries--to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority. The vote was 30 to 18, with nine abstentions. The Arab bloc and the pro-Catholic countries of Latin America were among those who voted for the Belgian resolution. The Belgian proposal would have called for further study of international means of protecting religious interests and Holy Places in Jerusalem.

A statement issued by the Israel delegation following the defeat of the Belgian proposal declared: "The defeat of the resolution, coming after the report of the Trusteeship Council that internationalization of Jerusalem is impractical, is welcome evidence that the international community does not desire to impose a regime on the people of Jerusalem against their will. It is clear that the United Nations' responsibilities to give expression to the unique universal interest in Jerusalem can be effectively discharged only in an atmosphere of agreement and cooperation.

"The Assembly did not utilize the valuable opportunity that was offered at this session by the agreement of Israel and Jordan on a practical plan for Holy Places, which was embodied in the modified Swedish resolution. It never came to a vote in the committee or the plenary. The Government of Israel will continue to do its utmost to preserve the Holy Places and to guarantee religious rights throughout the territory of Israel."

JOINT ISRAEL-JORDAN-U.N. SURVEY OF DISPUTED ROAD IN NEGEV SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TODAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan mixed armistice commission this week-end agreed to begin a survey Monday to determine the jurisdictional rights of the two countries to a strip of the Elath road over which two clashes occurred several weeks ago. The survey will be conducted by a joint team of experts including Israel and Jordan officers and U.N. observers.

JORDAN THREATENS TO LEAVE ARAB LEAGUE IF MUFTI'S "GAZA GOVERNMENT" IS RECOGNIZED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Jordan has notified the Arab League that it will withdraw from the League and will sign a separate peace treaty with Israel if representatives of the so-called Arab Government in Gaza--which was formed by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem--are invited to the forthcoming meeting of the League's Political Committee, it was reported this week-end in a broadcast by the Bagdad Radio.

20 ORANGE GROWERS ARRESTED IN ISRAEL FOR INTERFERING WITH HISTADRUT FRUIT SHIPMENTS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Twenty orange growers were arrested this week-end by Israel police following attempts to prevent the movement of two truckloads of citrus fruits by the Histadrut citrus growing and marketing cooperative.

The action was part of a strike against the government by orange growers who demand subsidies to make up for losses suffered in foreign markets as a result of competition abroad. The police have not prevented demonstrations, but have only acted when fruit has been destroyed or workers threatened.

TWO JEWS RE-ELECTED MEMBERS OF WEST BERLIN CITY COUNCIL; REPRESENT DIFFERENT PARTIES

BERLIN, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Two Jews were this week-end re-elected members of the West Berlin City Council. They are Dr. Jeanette Wolff, a Social Democrat, and Dr. F. Engellbert, a member of the Free Democratic Party.

FRENCH JEWISH VETERANS PROTEST ALLIED INTENTIONS OF REARMING GERMANY; WARN OF DANGERS

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A resolution opposing the rearmament of Germany has been submitted to the French Government by the Federation of Jewish veterans of the two World Wars. The resolution calls upon the Allied governments "to heed the lesson of history and to bear in mind the disastrous consequences which are bound to follow any concessions such as were made after World War I."

COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED JEWISH SOCIAL, CULTURAL UNION IN POLAND TO FIGHT ILLITERACY

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The recently established Jewish Social and Cultural Union of Poland, which is controlled by Communists, has issued a statement of aims which include the "eradication of illiteracy" among Polish Jews, reports reaching here from Warsaw state.

The Union also announced its intention of creating schools and special study centers where Jews can learn "Marxist and Leninist" theory. At a recent meeting in Lodz, the reports stated, Dr. M. Sfar, a representative of the Union, said that a new Jewish theater would be built in that city next year. He also spoke of the growing number of Yiddish books published in Poland.

AUSTRIAN AGUDAS ISRAEL LEADER RELEASED FROM JAIL; BLASTS AUTHORITIES FOR ARREST

VIENNA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Benjamin Schreiber, president of the Agudas Israel and of the Poale Agudas Israel of Austria, was this week-end released from prison where he had been held since last month on charges of violating currency and customs regulations.

Today Mr. Schreiber called a press conference and lashed out at the authorities for the manner in which he had been treated. He charged that he was originally arrested on the basis of documents which were proven to be forged. In addition, he said, two men who testified against him had disappeared when forced to substantiate their charges.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD PLACES ITS FACILITIES AT DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT IN EMERGENCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board this week-end placed its entire organization, staff, resources and facilities at the unlimited command of the nation in connection with the national emergency, Irving Edison, J.W.B. president, said in a telegram to President Truman.

"Be assured that you can count on the full and unstinting support of the corps of rabbis serving as part-time chaplains, of our trained and experienced staff throughout the country, of the loyalty of our thousands of volunteers and on the use of the facilities and resources of our affiliated centers," the wire said. "The experience and know-how we acquired in similar service during World Wars I and II and in the years between are yours to command. In the grilling test that lies before our country and all other free peoples of the world you may be confident that now, as always in times of national peril, the National Jewish Welfare Board is enlisted for the duration."

SHARETT BIDS FAREWELL TO ACHESON BEFORE LEAVING FOR ISRAEL; INTRODUCES MINISTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett this week-end bade farewell to Secretary of State Dean Acheson in a visit to the State Department. Mr. Sharett said that the purpose of his visit was also to introduce to the Secretary Israel Minister Plenipotentiary Theodore Kollek. It is believed that Minister Kollek is in the U.S. in connection with financial negotiations now in progress. Mr. Sharett, who will leave by air today for Tel Aviv, said that Secretary Acheson made only a "very general reference" to the Jerusalem situation.

Meanwhile, Moshe Keren, conseller of the Israel Embassy, called on George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, with Miss Esther Herlitz, newly-appointed First Secretary of the Embassy. The former head of the North American Section of the Israel Foreign Ministry, she replaces Arthur C.A. Liverhant, who served here as a First Secretary for some time. Mr. Liverhant is returning to Israel.

MONNETT DAVIS REPORTEDLY NEW AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL; IS CAREER DIPLOMAT FOR 33 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- James G. McDonald, retiring American Ambassador to Israel, will be replaced by Monnet B. Davis, who is now Ambassador to Panama, it was reported this week-end by informed sources here.

Ambassador Davis' name has been submitted to Israel in keeping with customary procedure of first asking a country if it is willing to receive a particular ambassador. Mr. Davis, who is 57, has served in the American Foreign Service since 1917. Because the nomination is still in the process of being forwarded through official channels, neither the Israel Embassy nor the State Department will comment officially.

"HUMAN LEND LEASE" FOR ISRAEL ADVOCATED AT SECOND LABOR ISRAEL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Stimulation of a "lend lease of human resources" from America to assist the state of Israel in integrating hundreds of thousands of new immigrants and strengthening its economy was proposed by Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati this week-end at the Second National Assembly for Labor Israel.

Speaking before more than 300 delegates who came from all over the United States, Rabbi Wohl, chairman of the Assembly, declared that American skill and "know-how" are indispensable for the greater absorption, the progress and the rapid development of Israel. He proposed that Americans with the necessary skills go to Israel for a year or two to help Israel "provide opportunities for bread and work," and to establish educational, religious and cultural institutions.

Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban, who was scheduled to deliver the keynote address, was unable to attend and was replaced by Avraham Harman of the Israel legation in this city, who described developments in the Jewish state and stressed the contribution of American Jews to Israel and the development of its institutions. In a message to the meeting, Ambassador Eban said that "it is a source of encouragement and inspiration to us to feel that the spontaneous sympathy of the American people which attended Israel in its struggle for physical survival and political recognition continues to abide with us."

