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ISRAEL AMBASSADOR CLARIFIES "CONFUSION" IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.J.A. AND BOND ISSUE

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Declaring that he finds that "some confusion" exists concerning the relationship between the forthcoming Israel Bond campaign and the current United Jewish Appeal campaign, Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel today issued a formal statement defining the relationship between the two campaigns.

"It must be made clear that any purchase of Israel Bonds at the expense of a contribution to the United Jewish Appeal is not a service to Israel," the Ambassador said in his statement. "It is not the purpose of the Bond Issue to divert gift dollars to the Bond Issue, but to create resources over and above and beyond gift money. The free dollars supplied by the U.J.A. are required to meet immediate needs, for immigration, rehabilitation and initial integration. Investment dollars resulting from Bond purchases are to be used for the economic development of the country. Bond dollars must be so invested as to provide a return, with interest, to the purchaser," Mr. Eban said.

"The Government of Israel does not want anyone to take money which should go to U.J.A. and buy Bonds with it instead. Israel's interests, and the interests of Jews throughout the world will best be served if American Jewry contributes greater sums than ever before to the United Jewish Appeal and also invests the maximum possible amount in Israel through the purchase of Bonds. This means that those who have Israel's welfare at heart will both work for a substantial increase of U.J.A. receipts and give their active encouragement to the Bond Drive," the statement concludes.

U.J.A. Campaign Is Three Weeks Ahead of 1950 Drive

This year's campaign of the United Jewish Appeal is running three weeks ahead of last year's nationwide drive in the results achieved to date and in the number of communities raising funds on its behalf, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, U.J.A. executive vice-chairman.

Pointing out that a total of 1,100 local drives will be under way by the second week in May, Dr. Schwartz said that "success of the Spring phase of this year's United Jewish Appeal campaign depends on whether these communities can uphold the rate of increased contributions recorded to date." He reported that many communities have recorded campaign results that are between 10 and 25 percent higher than they were one year ago at this time, but stressed that this rate may rise, fall or remain steady depending on the response of persons who have not yet made their contributions.

In this connection, Dr. Schwartz urged Jews throughout the country who have not contributed to local drives "to pledge and pay in May," asserting that "the month of May is of crucial importance to the United Jewish Appeal as it seeks to meet the most urgent demands upon it for the rescue and transfer to Israel of many thousands of men, women and children facing entrapment in Eastern European and Moslem areas."

FOUR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS UNDERTAKE TO SELL \$80,000,000 WORTH OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Four leading Jewish organizations have undertaken to sell \$80,000,000 worth of State of Israel Bonds, it was reported today at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, the organization which is directing the distribution of the State of Israel \$500,000,000 Independence Bond Issue.

Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the corporation, announced at the meeting held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, that Hadassah had undertaken to sell \$30,000,000 worth of Israel Bonds through its 300,000 members in various parts of the country. He also declared that the Mizrahi Organization of America had adopted a bond quota of \$25,000,000; the Labor Zionist groups, \$20,000,000 and the B'nai Zion fraternal order, \$5,000,000. He pointed out that these organizational pledges supplemented the intensive drive being carried on by the Zionist Organization of America to sell a total of \$100,000,000 State of Israel Bonds.

"The future of the State of Israel may be said to depend on the outcome of the Bond Issue," Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Transport and Communications in the government of Israel, told the members of the Board of Governors. Moshe Shapira, Minister of the Interior, also stressed the importance of the Bond Issue in the continuing capacity of the country to absorb an immigration of 200,000 a year.

J.D.C. ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT; HELPED 450,000 JEWS OVERSEAS; SPENT \$36,516,000 ON AID

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today issued its annual report revealing that 450,000 Jews overseas were aided by the agency during 1950 and that about 400,000 Jews were still dependent on J.D.C. aid during 1951.

The report disclosed that the J.D.C. appropriated \$36,516,000 for its programs in 19 countries and that more than 174,000 Jewish refugees were emigrated by the J.D.C. last year, 162,000 of whom were transported to Israel and the remainder to the United States, Canada, Australia, South America and other lands.

Outstanding achievement of the year, according to the report, was the expansion of J.D.C. aid to the aged, ill and handicapped newcomers in Israel, through the agency known as Malben. At present, tens of thousands of Jews monthly receive medical, welfare, rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance from the J.D.C. in France, Hungary, North Africa, Iran and other lands, the report says. The major tasks still facing the J.D.C. during this year are outlined in the report by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman.

5,000 ATTEND "THIRD SEDER" IN NEW YORK; HEAR PLEAS BY LEADERS TO SUPPORT JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 representatives of labor, business, Zionist and fraternal organizations tonight attended the Third Seder here arranged by the Histadrut at the Hotels Waldorf Astoria and Commodore.

The overflow audiences in both hotels were addressed by Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Communication; Henry Morgenthau Jr.; James G. McDonald, former U.S. Ambassador in Israel; Dr. Nahum Goldman; Isaac Hamlin, general secretary of the \$10,000,000 Histadrut campaign in the United States, and others.

The speakers urged the audiences to support the Israel Bond Drive and emphasized the role of the Jewish State in international affairs. Mr. McDonald said that Americans can count on Israel to resist aggression and to line up behind the United States. Mr. Morgenthau declared that Israel is the most vigorous stronghold of democracy in the eastern Mediterranean.

PASSOVER OBSERVED ON KOREAN BATTLEFRONT; CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN JOIN IN SEDER CEREMONY

TOKYO, April 22. (JTA) -- Jewish men and women in the American armed forces fighting in Korea took part in Passover services in Pusan, Seoul and Taegu, while Protestant and Catholic soldiers joined the Jews in Passover celebrations in field hospitals and wherever the celebrations could be held under battle conditions.

The Passover services were conducted in various sections of the Korean battle-front by four Jewish chaplains with supplies furnished by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Passover services were also held for Jewish servicemen in the U.S. armed forces stationed in Japan.

The four Jewish chaplains who officiated in Korea are Milton Rosen, Garson Goodman, George Vida and Oscar M. Lifshutz. A Catholic priest and a Protestant chaplain participated in the Seder conducted by Chaplain Lifshutz at one of the field hospitals. Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the Eighth Army, issued a Passover message of greetings to all the Jews serving under him in the United Nations forces.

ISRAELIS MARK PASSOVER WITH PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM; IRAQI JEWS HOLD SEDER AT AIRFIELD

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Israel observed Passover with many of them making pilgrimages from all parts of the country to Jerusalem to Mount Zion.

At the Lydda airport, Jews brought over from Iraq were entertained at a Seder specially arranged for the newcomers under the gaily decorated hangar. The traditional function was conducted by a rabbi who arrived in the same aircraft with the immigrants. The airlift from Iraq will continue steadily during the Passover week.

Permission for 20 members of the ancient sect of Samaritans to enter Jordan territory from Israel for their traditional Passover sacrifices on Mt. Gerizim was denied by the Jordanian authorities. The Samaritans had asked for permission more than a month ago.

MOSCOW JEWS MARK PASSOVER WITH TRADITIONAL SERVICES IN CROWDED SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Jews in Moscow celebrated Passover in traditional services at the Central Synagogue there, the New York Times reported in a dispatch from the Soviet capital. The report said that services were conducted by Cantor Barhan. Matzoth were eaten in Orthodox Jewish homes, the correspondent reported.

The congregation in the Moscow synagogue, the correspondent said, appeared to be a representative cross-section of the Jewish populace, young, middle-aged and some elderly bearded Jews. There were a number of women, many of them smartly dressed, in the gallery, which runs around three sides of the temple. The charge d'affaires of the Israeli Legation, Lev Arcaman, and the second secretary of the Legation, Arie Aroch, occupied seats on a platform to the left of the central altar, the report said.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN GERMANY ATTENDS SEDER GIVEN FOR AMERICAN JEWISH PERSONNEL

MUNICH, April 22. (JTA) -- United States High Commissioner John J. McCloy attended a Seder given for American Jewish personnel stationed here. The services were performed by Army Chaplain Ersh Livazer.

Josef Maendl, a former S.S. sergeant at the Ravensbruck concentration camp, was found guilty by a jury here yesterday in two cases of murder and several cases of mistreatment of political prisoners. He was sentenced to 15 years at hard labor.

AMERICAN JEWISH GROUP RECEIVES SOVIET ORDER TO CEASE RAISING FUNDS FOR BIRO-BIDJAN

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The New York Times today reported that the Soviet Government has abandoned its efforts to create a "Jewish homeland" in Biro-Bidjan. It revealed that the headquarters of the Ambijan Committee, an American group raising funds for Biro-Bidjan, received a cable from the local Biro-Bidjan Government declaring that outside aid is not wanted any longer.

Latest information indicated that there are about 140,000 persons residing in the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan and that one-third of them are Jews. The only Yiddish language newspaper there, the Birobidjaner Stern, had been closed down. (The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported sometime ago that the Ambijan Committee is being liquidated in New York, Chicago and other American cities where the Committee was engaged in raising funds for Jewish projects in Biro-Bidjan.)

JEWS IN POLAND COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF WARSAW GHETTO; PREMIER PARTICIPATES

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- The eighth anniversary of the battle of the Warsaw Ghetto was commemorated by the remaining Jews in Poland, according to reports from Warsaw today.

Only a handful of Jews, however, were reported present at Auschwitz where some 50,000 persons marked the sixth anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. The ceremonies at Auschwitz were under direction of the Government and delegations were present from Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Polish Premier Joseph Cyrankiewicz and several hundred other former inmates of the camp attended the services.

At Brzezinka, site of a crematorium where thousands of Jews were exterminated, a wreath was laid in behalf of the Jewish communities of Poland by a representative of the local Jewish community which now numbers only three families. Forty thousand persons attended ceremonies at the site of the Majdanek camp, including the entire local Jewish community of 200.

WILLIAM PELLEY, FORMER SILVER SHIRT LEADER, FACES NEW EXTRADITION BATTLE

INDIANAPOLIS, April 22. (JTA) -- The State Attorney General's Office has appealed to the Indiana Supreme Court from a county court order that freed William Dudley Pelley, former leader of the Silver Shirts. The action was taken on behalf of the state of North Carolina which is attempting to extradite Pelley to serve a suspended sentence in connection with a stock fraud.

The former head of the fascist-like organization has thus far successfully resisted extradition. He was paroled from the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 4, 1950, after serving eight years of a term imposed for sedition.

ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF HEALTH OUTLINES COUNTRY'S MEDICAL NEEDS AT OSE RECEPTION IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Israel's needs in the field of public health were outlined here last night by Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Minister of Health, at a reception tendered him by the Board of Directors of the American OSE Committee at the Hotel Astor.

The Jewish physicians and other guests attending the reception also heard addresses by Dr. Israel Wechsler, chairman of the board, Dr. I. Wulman, executive director, and others, on the need to help Israel solve its health problems and on the activities conducted by the OSE in Israel. Dr. B. Fraerel, chairman of the executive, greeted Minister Shapiro in behalf of the American OSE Committee.