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### ISRAEL NOT YET SAFE, BEN GURION TELLS EXTRAORDINARY U.J.A. PARLEY AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 27. (JTA) -- "We defeated the Arab armies, but we are not yet safe," Israel Premier David Ben Gurion today told the Extraordinary National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal. (See earlier story on next page.)

Mr. Ben Gurion also charged that the Arab states were getting arms from England and other countries. He warned that the Arab states "will never lift a finger" for or against the United States or the Soviet Union, but only "against us."

The Premier, however, also pointed out that Israel is stronger now than it has been in the past two years. "With the exception of Turkey, we are the strongest military power in the Middle East," he declared. "We are the only people in the Middle East south of Turkey willing and capable of fighting for human liberty and democracy." He outlined Israel's three major problems which he listed in the following order of importance: 1. Defense; 2. Immigration; 3. Colonization.

He emphasized the importance of the entire four-point Israel aid program, adding that what Israel needs is a strong United Jewish Appeal and a successful bond drive, "and both will not be enough." He made special mention of the Jewish state's need for pioneers from the United States.

He singled out for praise the voluntary contribution of funds by American Jews through the U.J.A., insisting that the U.J.A. has done and is doing "great and constructive work." U.J.A. funds, he also stated, "helped in our fight to win the liberation of our people."

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\$15,000,000 PRESENTED AT U.J.A. CHICAGO PARLEY; \$44,000,000 RAISED IN CASH DURING 1951

CHICAGO, May 27. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 Jewish leaders from 40 states today wrote a stirring climax to two days of deliberations at the Extraordinary National Action Conference of the United Jewish Appeal as they presented checks totalling more than \$15,000,000 to place the cash income of the U.J.A. at \$44,000,000 since the start of the 1951 campaign.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel was deeply moved as he witnessed this spectacular action that produced sorely needed funds for the settlement and absorption in the Jewish State of tens of thousands of recent immigrants from Eastern European and Moslem countries.

Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal who received the parade of checks as a major installment on pledges in communities to this year's U.J.A. campaign, told Mr. Ben Gurion, "what you have witnessed is another striking demonstration of the partnership which exists between your people and American Jewry for the rescue of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children living in lands where they cannot be free." He assured Mr. Ben Gurion that American Jews will contribute many more millions of dollars to the United Jewish Appeal before its current nationwide campaign ends on December 31.

Mr. Warburg said that "by June 30 alone, I confidently expect the cash income of the 1951 United Jewish Appeal to exceed \$50,000,000." He announced at the same time that many communities have re-registered and are upholding campaign gains of from 10 to 20 percent over last year's drive. This report on the status of this year's United Jewish Appeal campaign took on added color as Mr. Warburg read a national roll-call of "over the top" communities which showed that 103 campaigns in the first five months of 1951 have exceeded the total amounts they raised during 1950.

Conference Reaffirms Washington Four-Point Decision on Aid to Israel

The conference adopted a special resolution re-affirming the four-point billion-dollar aid to Israel program voted last October in Washington, at the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation. This re-affirmation at the conference of the four-point program called upon American Jews to close ranks behind efforts to:

1. Accelerate the United Jewish Appeal campaign;
2. Speed the sale of Israel bonds;
3. Stimulate private investment in Israel, and
4. Encourage United States loans and grants-in-aid to Israel.

To give firm meaning to its deliberations on the role of the U.J.A. in the coming months the Conference voted adoption of an extraordinary campaign action program aimed at raising additional large-scale funds during the balance of the year. The action program, which emerged from discussions led by Morris W. Borinstein, chairman of the U.J.A.'s National Campaign Cabinet, calls for: 1. the immediate acceleration of 1,100 local campaigns to assure their maximum success and completion at the earliest possible time; 2. The immediate organization of campaigns which normally begin in

September, with emphasis on the solicitation now of pace-setting gifts so that the encouraging trend established in the Spring may be maintained through the year.

In a special ceremony preceding other events at the final session of the Conference, leaders of the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal presented a silver "Liberty Bowl" to the wife of the Israel Prime Minister as a memento of the distinguished couple's American tour. Mrs. Alexander Brailove of Elizabeth, N.J. in presenting the gift to Mrs. Ben Gurion told her that "this is a reproduction of the historic Liberty Bowl created by Paul Revere to commemorate the first unified stand for liberty seven years before the American Revolution of 1776. A courageous action that marked one of the first steps toward a United States of America."

"In the same way," Mrs. Brailove declared, "history has already recorded that the Prime Minister of Israel, years before the establishment of his state, called together a group of liberty-loving men who were, as the inscription on the bowl has it, 'acting from a strict regard to conscience and the liberties of their constituents' in the move for the formation of a Jewish state."

#### Vice-President Barkley Calls for United Jewish Appeal Support

Vice-President Alben Barkley, in an address last night at the opening session of the Conference, told 1,000 delegates from 40 states, it is "natural and right that the people of this nation should encourage and aid the democracy of Israel." At the same time he urged Americans of all faiths to extend support to Israel through the U.J.A.

"We people of America and the people of Israel inherited and live in a common tradition—a tradition of essential dignity of man," Mr. Barkley told the conference delegates meeting at Palmer House. "We are working toward a common goal—independence and democracy," he added.

The Vice-President asserted that Israel cannot be permitted "to lag, or fail to perform its mission either, because of economic weakness within, or because of opposition from without." Accordingly, he urged continued large-scale support of the U.J.A. as a means of "fostering and upbuilding democratic ideals in that part of the world as an example to all other peoples."

Rabbi Jonah Wise, national chairman of the U.J.A., told the opening session that in the first five months of this year more than 109,000 Jews had been brought to Israel through U.J.A. funds. In the past 60 days alone, U.J.A. helped transfer 6,000 Jews to Israel, principally from Iraq, Rabbi Wise said. He told the delegates that plans must be made for the additional rescue of 90,000 Jews from "Rumania, Iraq, Iran, Libya and other points of danger." Rabbi Wise reported that in the last 14 months, funds provided by U.J.A. transferred to Israel 90,000 of the 114,000 Iraqi Jews who registered for emigration.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, in an address on the four-point economic aid program for Israel, asserted that the U.J.A. "must play a decisive role in the development" of the state of Israel. U.J.A. gift dollars, he said, are the "basis" of the four-point program. Decriing the "creation in some quarters of certain doubts as to the continued necessity and the significance of the so-called gift dollars," Dr. Goldmann stated: "No greater tragedy could befall Israel, or Israel's relations with Jews outside her borders, than the disappearance or even the weakening of the United Jewish Appeal, or any similar pro-Israel campaign in any part of the world."

Israel Labor Minister Golda Meyerson, who was to have addressed the National Action Conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Chicago tonight, cancelled her appearance there and left for Israel last night on receipt of word that her husband, Moshe Meyerson, had died suddenly yesterday following a heart attack. She was accompanied on her return home by her son Menachem, a student of the cello at the Manhattan School of Music.

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155 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN GRANT-IN-AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Support of the \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid bill for Israel was announced this week-end in a bi-partisan declaration by 155 members of the House of Representatives, representing 30 states. The declaration was submitted to House Majority Leader John W. McCormack and the House Minority Leader Joe Martin Jr. A similar grant-in-aid bill pending in the Senate has the support of 36 Senators.

The Congressmen resolved that "the United States should now grant economic assistance to the Government of Israel in order to assist it in absorbing its large influx of immigration and in developing its natural resources and industries so that, with its security and independence thus strengthened, Israel may become a military, economic and ideological bastion for the free world in the Middle East, aiding in the maintenance of world peace, security and liberty and thereby assisting the general welfare and security of the United States."

ISRAEL-SYRIAN MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION TO MEET TODAY; HULAH ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The New York Times today reported from Damascus that Col. Adib Shishakly, Syrian Chief of Staff, stated yesterday that Syria would now send her representatives to the meeting of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission summoned for Monday by Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff. Colonel Shishakly said he had been notified that the Israeli company's excavation machinery in the zone south of Lake Hulah had been withdrawn earlier in the day.

Col. Shishakly told the press that the Syrian members at the meeting Monday would first demand whether Israel intended to comply fully with the United Nations Security Council's resolution for a halt in the Hulah reclamation work. Unless the Israelis said yes, the Syrians would withdraw, Col. Shishakly said.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ISSUES CALL TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT OF RECLAIMING HULAH SWAMPS

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund today issued a call to its supporters throughout the world to support the project of reclaiming the Hulah swamps and "provide the means to bring this plan to fruition to the advancement of Israel and to the weal of mankind."

The appeal, referring to the stoppage of work on the project ordered by the United Nations Security Council pending agreement for its resumption, declared that the "great humanitarian idea of freeing an important area from waste will not be stilled. The issue of ploughshares versus swords will, in the end, decide in favor of civilization and progress."

EGYPT WILL NOT ALLOW PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ CANAL OF FOOD SHIP FOR ISRAEL, MINISTER SAYS

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- Egypt will not allow a food ship destined for Israel passage through the Suez Canal, according to a statement yesterday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Salah el Din, broadcast over the Egyptian radio. The statement said Egypt was taking further measures to tighten the Arab boycott of Israel.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO OPEN ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA OFFICE IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- The Arab League Council has appropriated funds for the opening of an Anti-Israel propaganda office in either Washington or New York City, it was learned today.

## ARREST OF JEWS IN POLAND, RUMANIA, HUNGARY REPORTED BY AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Large numbers of Jews in Poland, Rumania and Hungary have been arrested by the local authorities there and sent to forced labor, the American Jewish Committee reported during the week-end.

The report said that the Jews in those countries have been pauperized by the Communist regimes and that Jewish religious life there is under the rule of Communist officials. Jewish communal organizations have deteriorated there and Jewish schools and cultural institutions have declined sharply in number, the report said.

## JEWISH COUNCILLORS INSTALLED AS MAYORS IN TWO POPULOUS BOROUGHES OF LONDON

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) -- Jewish councillors were installed during the week-end as mayors of the two populous London boroughs of Hackney and Finsbury. When Councilman Solomon Lever took office as Mayor of Hackney at ceremonies in Hackney Town Hall, several members of the Council referred to the good relations now existing between Jews and Gentiles in this borough, which last year was the scene of numerous fascist anti-Jewish excesses.

The Ridley Road Market, favorite locale for anti-Jewish meetings organized by Oswald Mosley's fascist elements, is in Hackney. In recent months, Mosleyites have avoided the Jewish question but they returned to it this week at a rally in Manchester. Nearly 50 people attended the meeting and heard British Union leaders praise the Germans, denounce the Jewish rabbinate and describe World War II as "a Jewish war."

## JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN CONNECTICUT DEMAND CHANGE OF DATE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 27. (JTA) -- A statewide conference of Orthodox Jewish congregations, meeting here, adopted a resolution calling on Gov. Lodge and the General Assembly to set an alternate date for some municipal elections in the state this year because the date fixed conflicts with Rosh Hashanah.

Municipal elections have been scheduled for Oct. 1 in many towns throughout the state. The resolution asks for an alternative date so that observant Jews will not be deprived of the right to vote.

## SELECTIVE SERVICE DIRECTOR SETS SPECIAL DATE FOR JEWISH STUDENTS FOR DEFERMENT TESTS

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Louis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, has scheduled July 12 as a special date on which Jewish students may take selective service college qualification tests which will generally be given on Saturdays. The test will be used by local draft boards for deferment consideration.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN PRESENTED WITH COPY OF BEN YAHUDA'S "THESAURUS OF HEBREW LANGUAGE"

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Ehud Ben Yahuda, son of the famed Israel lexicographer Eliezer Ben Yahuda, this week-end presented a copy of the book, "Thesaurus of the Hebrew Language, Old and Modern," to President Truman. It was accepted on behalf of the President by John F. Simmons, State Department Chief of Protocol. Mr. Truman, in conversations with Israeli officials here, had expressed interest in the development of the Hebrew language.

## ARGENTINE FREIGHTER SAILS FROM BUENOS AIRES TO ISRAEL WITH LARGE SHIPMENT OF MEAT

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (JTA) -- The Argentine freighter Rio Santiago sailed from Buenos Aires for Haifa yesterday with a large shipment of meat purchased by Israel under the Israel-Argentine trade agreement. The ship also carried 210 cases of clothing, part of a gift of 100 tons of clothing for immigrants to Israel made by Mrs. Eva Peron's Social Aid Foundation.

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