

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO SPEND \$280,000,000 ON FIVE-YEAR EXPANSION PROJECT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund will spend 100,000,000 pounds (\$280,000,000) on its five-year plan for the acquisition of 2,000,000 dunams (500,000 acres) of land, Dr. A. Granott, world head of the fund, told the press here today in connection with the opening of the exhibit, "The People and Its Land," marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the fund.

Further plans of the fund, he said, provide for the drainage of 60,000 dunams of swamp land in the Huleh region, planting of 50,000,000 trees; expansion of the irrigated area of the country to 1,250,000 dunams with the assistance of the Mekoroth Water Company, and the development of 200,000 dunams for agriculture. New land purchases by the Jewish National Fund would enable 500 new agricultural settlements to be founded, and provide for construction of 50,000 housing units in municipal areas for veterans and new immigrants.

Addressing a reception given by the Jewish National Fund for American delegates to the World Zionist Congress, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver said that the J.N.F. work "should not be destroyed by any interference of competitive elements" in the Zionist movement.

BRANDEIS FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES YEAR-ROUND TRAINING CENTER FOR JEWISH YOUTH LEADERS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The summer camp maintained by the Brandeis Youth Foundation at Santa Susana, Cal., will be converted into an all-year-round institute to train young men and women for positions as camp directors and youth leaders, it was learned today.

The decision to take this action was reached by the foundation's board at a meeting at the camp. At present, the camp and two other camps maintained by the foundation at Winterdale, Pa., and Hendersonville, N.C., are operated for two summer months to give men and women between 18 and 25 an intensive orientation in Jewish life. Several thousand young men and women have attended these camps during the 10 years of their operation. Many of them have subsequently assumed positions of leadership in their communities.

"EDDIE CANTOR CHILDREN'S HOME" OPENED IN ISRAEL; U.S. AMBASSADOR SPEAKS AT CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An "Eddie Cantor Children's Home" was opened today in the collective settlement Maale Hamisha, near Jerusalem, in the presence of U.S. Ambassador Monnett Davis, leaders of the Jewish Agency and of the Hadassah.

The institution was named for the American Jewish actor in recognition of his efforts in the United States on behalf of the Hadassah and the United Jewish Appeal. Speakers at the ceremony included Ambassador Davis, Moshe Kol, director of the Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency, Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of the Hadassah, and Mrs. Abraham Tulin, Hadassah leader of New York.

PIONEER WOMEN ORGANIZATION RAISES \$1,250,000 IN CASH FOR ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women, women's labor Zionist organization in the United States, today reported that it has raised \$1,250,000 in cash for the Israel Bond Drive.

The organization also announced a contest for a play which must not exceed a half-hour's performance time. Entries may be written in English or Yiddish and are open to women in the United States and Canada. The first prize is a \$250 state of Israel bond. Second prize is a \$100 Israel bond.

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BEN GURION FAVORS GRANTING OF SPECIAL STATUS IN ISRAEL TO WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion favors the granting of a special legal status in Israel to the World Zionist Organization providing that the World Zionist Congress, which opens here next week, pledges that it will cooperate to the fullest extent with the Israel Government, regardless of the composition of the World Zionist executive and the Israel Government--both of which are still to be named.

A report to this effect was presented to the Jewish Agency executive by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency, and Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of Hadassah, following talks which they had with Mr. Ben Gurion. A sub-committee was appointed today by the Agency executive to work out a formula for a resolution detailing the status of the World Zionist Organization in Israel, and to report back to the full Agency session.

After discussion the formulation of a future program for the World Zionist Organization, the Agency members decided to refer the problem to the various party conferences which will precede the Congress opening on August 14. Hayim Greenberg, American laborite, argued that there is no need to formulate a new program because the Basle Program--adopted at the first World Zionist Congress in 1897 and calling for the establishment of a Jewish state--will remain valid for several years longer. He insisted that the Zionist movement still has much to do in the fields of immigration and education.

Jewish Agency Recommends Dr. Goldmann for Presidency of Zionist Congress

The Jewish Agency executive today decided unanimously to recommend to the forthcoming Congress that Dr. Goldmann be named president of the Congress. When Dr. Goldmann was first approached to accept the nomination, he conditioned his acceptance upon the nomination being unanimous. This led to a recess in the Agency meeting while the various parties represented on the executive discussed the matter and agreed.

The Congress will be asked to allocate \$2,800,000 annually for the promotion of the Chutz movement and for other Zionist youth work, Eliehu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, today told the world conference of Zionist youth groups now taking place here.

An appeal for greater efforts to raise more funds for the Youth Aliyah in order to facilitate larger immigration of Jewish youths to Israel was voiced at the conference by Moshe Kol, director of the Jewish Agency's department for youth immigration. Mr. Kol said that 100,000 Jewish youths could be brought to Israel during the next two years if sufficient funds were available.

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JEWISH AGENCY APPOINTS GROUP TO STUDY FUTURE OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AND KEREN HAYESOD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A five-man committee to study the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod with a view to submitting proposals regarding their future status was appointed today by the Jewish Agency executive. The Committee is composed of two members of the Jewish Agency--Eliahu Dobkin and Moshe Kol--two representatives of the J.N.F., and one of the Keren Hayesod.

Prior to the appointment of the committee, two suggestions were made to the Agency. One urged the maintenance of a status quo regarding the two Zionist fund-raising organizations. The other called for the creation of a central Zionist fund with the Keren Hayesod constituting a holding company for the new fund's assets while the J.N.F. would continue its land purchasing program as well as fund-raising.

WORLD LABOR ZIONIST PARLEY OPENS TODAY IN ISRAEL; WILL DISCUSS ROLE OF JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Proposals for the transfer of functions from the Jewish Agency to the Government of Israel will be considered at the conference of Ichud, the world labor Zionist movement, which opens tomorrow at the Berl Katznelson Institute.

According to the organization's secretariat handling arrangements for the conference, which is to formulate the labor Zionist platform for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, a majority of the special committee preparing resolutions for submission to the conference favored the transfer of responsibility for absorption of immigrants from the Jewish Agency to the Israel Government.

The role of the Jewish Agency would be in bringing the immigrants into the country and in maintaining them in reception centers until their transfer to work camps. The majority of the committee was also said to favor restriction of the Jewish Agency's authority on colonization to support and maintenance of new settlements during the first years of their existence.

The committee was reported as unanimous in its belief that the World Zionist Organization be recognized as representing the interests of the Jewish people in respect to Israel but not to the exclusion of minority groups. An Ichud spokesman described this as the difference between priority and monopoly. The Ichud conference will be asked to instruct labor Zionist delegates to the World Zionist Congress to press for priority for the Zionist movement.

The Ichud resolutions committee was reported to be unanimous on the subject of a new kind of Zionist organization in each country, along the lines of the plan advanced by Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Jewish Agency's organization department. The Ichud proposal calls for a Zionist organization in each country to which both persons belonging to Zionist parties and unaffiliated persons should belong. Parties would continue to fulfill their sectarian functions but Zionist organization decisions would be taken by the larger membership.

A large section of Ichud opinion here was described as favoring the surrender by Israel of its double representation in World Zionist Congresses on condition that Zionist Congress delegates throughout the world be chosen by ballot and not on the basis of shekolim sold. Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion, Josef Sprinzak, speaker of the Parliament, and Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency, are expected to address sessions of the Ichud conference.

THREE-POWER RESOLUTION AT U.N. WILL CALL UPON EGYPT TO CEASE BLOCKADE AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The draft resolution on the Suez Canal case prepared by the American, British and French delegations for submission to the United Nations Security Council on Thursday will "call upon" Egypt to halt its practice of visit, search and seizure at the Canal, it was learned today.

The resolution includes two major points that had been pressed by the Israeli delegation whose complaint against the Egyptian blockade brought the case to the Security Council. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Security Council does not accept that Egypt can maintain unilaterally a "state of war" with Israel and it rejects the Egyptian claim of self-defense.

The resolution also strongly reaffirms the validity of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement as ending all hostile acts between Egypt and Israel. At the same time, in briefly reviewing the history of the case back to 1949, the resolution includes the statement of Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. truce supervisor, that the Suez blockade constitutes "an aggressive and hostile act" on the part of Egypt.

Another point made in the resolution indirectly is that the blockade against Israel affects the interests of other nations as well as Israel. It was understood here that the draft resolution as presently worded was generally satisfactory to Israel. Arab informants, however, said that the resolution would be vigorously fought by Egypt and Iraq, a non-member of the Council which is participating in the debate at its own request but without a vote.

AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS FAVOR CONTINUATION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ACTIVITIES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Congress must continue its activities if its mission of protecting Jewish rights throughout the world is to be carried out, American Zionist leaders declared here last night at a reception tendered by the Israel section of the W.J.C. The view that the Zionist movement should take over the functions of the W.J.C. was discounted by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

The World Jewish Congress, Dr. Goldmann pointed out, is the only organization--in the immediate future--which can express the unity of the Jewish people and struggle for its rights. With the world divided into two blocs and the existence of the Jewish state raising the delicate problem of allegiance, the Zionist organization is obviously debarred from the W.J.C. field, Dr. Goldmann said.

Meanwhile, he pointed out, anti-Semitism is being intensified and Nazism revived. In addition, he said, the Zionist organization has an enormous task and insufficient manpower, therefore the Congress must continue its work until the Zionist organization--in the future, at some unpredictable stage--takes over this burden, too. Dr. Goldstein warned against the dangers menacing the Zionist movement if, under the present circumstances, it were to attempt to assume the task of protecting the rights of the Jewish people in various countries.

APPALLING PICTURE OF JEWISH LIFE IN MOROCCO GIVEN BY JEWISH COMMUNITY; 250,000 IN DESPAIR

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Reports received here from the Jewish community of Morocco today paint an appalling picture of living condition of many Jews. Some 250,000 Jews are living in poverty, disease and despair, the reports state, adding that 19 of every 21 children are suffering from trachoma, while only half of all the newborn children have a life expectancy of ten years. A lack of finances has drastically reduced the emigration program, while the OSE is finding it impossible to cope with the thousands who need medical care, the reports assert.