

## JEWISH CENTERS TO SPEND \$13,130,000 ON BUILDING PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Forty-three Jewish Community Centers in 40 communities--in 20 states--embarked on building programs involving the erection of new structures or the remodelling of existing facilities with a total estimated cost of \$13,130,000 during the year ended August 31, 1951, it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

In the three years from September 1, 1948 to August 31, 1951, the J.W.B. report revealed, Jewish centers launched building programs estimated to cost \$43,130,000. During these years 69 new or remodelled Center structures were completed at a cost of \$14,530,000.

## ISRAEL ROLE IN WORLD PEACE OUTLINED AT WAR VETERANS CONVENTION

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The role of Israel in securing world peace was outlined here last night by Congressman Emanuel Celler addressing the 56th annual convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. Declaring that Israel is the only democratic state in the Middle East, Rep. Celler said:

"If Israel fails, then the enemies of democracy will point to its failure as conclusive proof that the principle of democracy as expressed in a democratic form of government cannot bring security to itself and to its people. If Israel fails, it is that much more grist to the Communist propaganda mill."

## ISRAEL SEEKS TO BUY 100,000 TONS OF SUGAR IN CUBA

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Israel may buy 25,000 tons of sugar each year during the next four years from Cuba, it was revealed here today by S.M. Kaplan, representative of the Jewish Agency in Cuba. Negotiations to this effect are now being conducted between the two countries, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Since Israel's total need of sugar is about 35,000 tons a year, the agreement with Cuba will cover the largest part of it, Mr. Kaplan pointed out. He also revealed that 192 Jews have emigrated from Cuba to Israel since 1929. Mr. Kaplan attended the 23rd World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem as representative of all Zionist groups in Cuba.

## REMAINS OF DR. SYRKIN BURIED IN ISRAEL; THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL

HAIFA, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jews today attended the burial of the remains of Dr. Nahum Syrkin, founder and theoretician of the Labor Zionist movement, which were brought from New York where Dr. Syrkin died in 1924.

All Israeli ships at Haifa harbor sounded their sirens as the coffin was carried ashore from the S.S. Jaffa this morning. The coffin was brought into the Beth Syrkin, a labor center named after the late leader, and remained there for several hours during which Haifa workers paid their last honors. The funeral convoy later proceeded to Kineret where the remains were buried.

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ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS START IN PARIS TODAY UNDER U.N. SPONSORSHIP

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The settlement of outstanding Arab-Israeli problems with a view to bringing about a permanent peace between the Jewish state and the Arab countries will be sought at the Arab-Israel conference which opens here tomorrow at the Grillon under the sponsorship of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission. Ely Palmer, American member of the Commission, will preside.

United Nations officials today indicated that the conference may last six weeks. They announced that Egypt and Syria have officially accepted the invitation to participate and that acceptances from Jordan and Lebanon are expected tomorrow. Israel will be represented at the conference by Maurice Fischer, its Minister in France.

Although some observers predict that the conference will be a failure, the U.N. Commission has gone ahead carefully with preparations which indicate that there is room for some practical progress in spite of the existing tension between the Arab countries and Israel. United Nations officials feel that it is a big achievement in itself to get several Arab nations and Israel come together for the talks here, although it is not as yet known whether the Arab and Israeli representatives will actually sit around the same table during the meetings.

Arab Delegates Refuse to Meet Israelis Face-to-Face

The opening meeting tomorrow will be marked by a social reception for the delegates arranged by the Conciliation Commission. Arab delegates have already indicated that they are coming to the parley on two conditions: firstly, that any proposals the Commission makes must first be submitted privately to the Arab nations; secondly, that they will maintain no direct contact with the Israeli delegates. It is understood that Israel's view is that nothing in the way of real peace can be achieved unless there are direct face-to-face talks between the Israelis and the Arabs.

The list of topics drawn up by the Conciliation Commission for discussion at the talks include: 1. Repatriation of Palestine Arab refugees and the payment of compensation to those who are not repatriated; 2. The status of Jerusalem and the boundaries of the city, which is divided between Israel and Jordan. The Israel-Syrian dispute over the reclamation of the Huleh swamps may also be considered.

It is understood that Israel is ready to cooperate on the fund for the reintegration and resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees in various Arab countries, but is not prepared to make payments to individuals. The Commission, it was learned today, has in its possession an estimate of the quantity and value of Arab property in Israel claimed by Arab refugees. The figures have been prepared by Holger Anderson, a Dane, who heads the special refugee office attached to the Commission.

"NO HUNGER IN ISRAEL," MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- "There is no hunger in Israel," Minister of Agriculture Pinchas Lavon told newsmen today. He attributed the recent reports of a deteriorating food situation in Israel to various parties which, he said, are trying to force the Mapai Party to accede to their terms for entrance into a coalitionary government.

Minister Lavon stated that there has been no basic change in the food situation, except for the seasonal decline in the vegetable supply. The autumn vegetable supply will become available in November and will last for eight or ten months. He agreed that housewives living under an austerity regime feel the lack of vegetables at this time, but added that the government has ordered large quantities of potatoes which will start arriving this month. Besides, he said, canned vegetables and preserves have already been distributed this month.

Concerning the meat situation, Mr. Lavon reported that there had been three distributions of meat last month and that a shipment of tinned meat, packed under the supervision of a Liberal Rabbi in New York, will be distributed this month. For the Orthodox who will not eat this canned meat, he said, there will be five sorts of fish available on the market free from rationing. Argentine meat is expected for October and November, he disclosed, adding that other meat supplies are expected from a company which is scheduled to get under way shortly in Abyssinia. He declared that each Israeli gets 25 eggs a month, 15 fresh and 10 powdered.

The Minister announced that he will report to the Parliament tomorrow on the current food supply situation. He also hinted that he will not participate in the new government which is currently being formed.

U.N. AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT ON HULEH ISSUE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A four-hour meeting this week-end between United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. William E. Riley and Dr. Walter Eytan and Reuven Shiloah of the Israeli Foreign Ministry failed to make any headway towards solution of the Israeli-Syrian dispute over Israel's reclamation of the Huleh marshes, it was learned today.

Gen. Riley had been expected to bring new proposals for settlement of the dispute after conferring with Syrian Government officials. He left after the meeting for his headquarters in Beirut.

JEW WOUNDED IN ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENT IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish organizations of Argentina have brought to the attention of the Federal Ministry of Interior the wounding of a Jew in the nearby city of Avellaneda in what they describe as a serious outbreak of anti-Semitism.

A 23-year-old Jew, Jacob Chermenitzky, was on his way to work early yesterday morning when he was accosted by three men waving pistols. First they made the young Jew shout "Viva Hitler" and "Death to the Jews" then they shot him at close range. Chermenitzky was seriously wounded.

SOVIET PUBLISHES PERIODICALS IN 109 LANGUAGES; NONE IN YIDDISH

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The newspaper Le Monde reported today that of 7,700 newspapers and periodicals published in the Soviet Union in 109 different languages not one is being published in Yiddish.

## REORGANIZATION OF ZIONIST FUND-RAISING IN AMERICA PLANNED BY U.P.A.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A basic reorganization of the United Palestine Appeal and other Zionist fund-raising agencies on the American scene is the principal item on the agenda of a forthcoming national conference to be called by the United Palestine Appeal, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, U.P.A. national chairman, announced today upon his return from a two-month stay in Israel.

Mr. Sonneborn, who was a delegate to the recently concluded World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, declared that "the conference which will be convened as soon as possible in Washington, D.C., must implement the basic decision of the Congress to streamline and consolidate the Zionist Funds." Mr. Sonneborn said that one of the major intentions of the reorganization will be "to avoid the mechanistic distribution of funds in this country and to put in its stead channeling of all contributions directly to Israel where they will be allocated by a central commission in terms of requirements of the immigration and upbuilding program."

The U.P.A., which has represented the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, will serve as the American agency for a central Israel fund, while the Jewish National Fund will be an autonomous body engaging in traditional collections, Mr. Sonneborn stated. He emphasized that "the outline of the new plan was tentative and still to be worked out."

"American Jews, as a whole, do not wish to identify themselves with internal Israel politics," the U.P.A. chairman declared. He stated that Americans "should derive the greatest satisfaction from the role that the U.S. Government has played in terms of Israel through its active political and economic support."

With regard to the food situation in Israel, he underscored its extremely critical nature, pointing out that the cities whose populations were constantly growing have been bearing the brunt of the severe austerity. "There are no shortages in the rural areas," he declared, and "even in the cities there are adequate supplies of basic staples such as bread, cheese, fish and similar items. The people of Israel are not panicked, serious as the condition is, and they are going about their daily lives of working and building with highly admirable determination," he said.

## CONFERENCE ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN ISRAEL POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The conference of Zionist forces in this country who oppose interference of American Zionist groups in the internal affairs of Israel which was planned for October will be postponed indefinitely, it was announced here at a parley of the Inter-Collegiate Zionist Federation.

"The understanding that was arrived at at the World Conference of General Zionists in Jerusalem by all parties not to interfere in the political affairs of the parties in Israel dismisses the need for a special conference at this time," Jacob M. Alkow, president of the Southern Pacific Zionist Region, told the conference.

## WORLD HEBREW YOUTH CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A world Hebrew youth convention will be held in Israel to devise methods of spreading Hebrew culture among Jewish youth throughout the world, it was decided here today at a meeting of the World Hebrew Union. The session also decided to send abroad a cultural delegation of teachers, writers and other intellectuals to help spread Hebrew culture in countries outside Israel.

## ROSENWALD TO HEAD SPECIAL U.J.A. DRIVE FOR \$35,000,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal announced this week-end that its extraordinary special drive to raise \$35,000,000 in cash by December 31, to be conducted jointly with its annual Fall Campaign, will be headed by William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the U.J.A. A national conference to mark the high point of the special cash campaign will be held at the Hotel Commodore in New York on October 27 and 28.

Edward M.M. Warburg and two other members of the U.J.A. leadership mission to Israel--Morris W. Berinstein and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz--will report to the conference on their findings in the Jewish state and on their conversations with Premier Ben Gurion and other government leaders. Meanwhile, in a letter from Israel received here this week-end by campaign chairmen and by presidents of community welfare funds, Mr. Warburg, Mr. Berinstein and Dr. Schwartz make plain that the special drive to raise \$35,000,000 has been launched "to prevent what might be a catastrophe."

## WARBURG VISITS ISRAEL SETTLEMENTS FOUNDED WITH AID OF HIS FATHER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Three settlements founded with the assistance of the late Felix M. Warburg, American Jewish philanthropist and communal leader, welcomed his son, Edward M.M. Warburg, this week-end when he paid them a surprise visit. Mr. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, accompanied by other officials of the U.J.A., now on a mission to Israel, visited the settlements during an inspection tour they were making of new settlement projects in the Negev, the southern desert of Israel.

At Kfar Warburg, founded 12 years ago and named in honor of Mr. Warburg's father, settlers showed the visitors around the settlement and described their development plans. The group also visited Beer-Tuvia and Avigdor and saw some co-operative villages. Their trip was part of a general plan to visit the entire country to obtain a firsthand picture of latest developments and problems in the country.

Henry Montor, executive vice-president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, arrived at Lydda Airport last night to confer with Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan and other Israeli Government officials on the Israel Independence Bond sales campaign in the United States.

## PIONEER WOMEN'S CONVENTION CALLS FOR U.S. JEWISH SKILLS FOR ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon American Jews to contribute their "knowledge and skills" to Israel was adopted here today at the 12th biennial national convention of the Pioneer Women, women's Labor Zionist organization in America. The 600 delegates from 400 chapters throughout the United States also said that the organization must continue its tasks of rebuilding in Israel, of helping absorb the newcomers to the Jewish state and of aiding in the maintenance of the general cultural level in that country.

The convention, which is scheduled to close Wednesday, endorsed the aims of the 23rd World Zionist Congress which set the immediate tasks of Zionism as the strengthening of the Jewish state, the ingathering of the exiles and the achievement of the unity of the Jewish people. The delegates also greeted the decision of the U.N. Security Council to instruct Egypt to lift the anti-Israel blockade at the Suez Canal.

Abraham Harmon, counsellor of the Israel consulate in New York, addressing the opening session last night of the convention, spoke of Israel's readiness at all times to discuss peace with the Arab states. He pointed to the existence of the armistice agreements between Israel and the four Arab nations as evidence that a common accord could be reached by direct negotiation.