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BIG POWERS SEEK ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST DEFENSE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Diplomatic representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Turkey called at the Israel Foreign Ministry this morning to request a statement of Israel's views on the proposed Middle East defense command.

The four diplomats declared that their governments intend to continue with the formation of the regional alliance despite Egypt's refusal to participate as a founding member. They also asked Israel what part it would eventually be prepared to play in such a pact.

There was no indication what the Foreign Office replied. However, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported this afternoon to the Cabinet on the visit of the diplomats, and it is understood that the Cabinet adopted decisions which will be announced in the Israel Parliament next Sunday by Mr. Sharett.

Meanwhile, the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament has called a meeting of its members for tomorrow to hear and discuss a report by Mr. Sharett on the representations made this morning to the Israel Government by the Big Powers.

\$20,152,000 PRESENTED TO U.J.A. AT NATIONAL PARLEY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A total of \$20,152,000 in cash was presented here today to the United Jewish Appeal at the closing session of its two-day national conference attended by about 1,000 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country. This brings the 1951 income of the U.J.A. to about \$75,000,000, it was announced at the conference.

A resolution adopted unanimously at the parley calls upon all Jewish communities in the United States to intensify their efforts during the next two months "to provide the balance of \$35,000,000 in cash" required by the United Jewish Appeal by the end of this year.

The resolution urged campaign organizations to press completion of the drive along these four lines: 1. To secure full payment in cash by contributors on their 1951 campaign pledges; 2. To secure bank loans against outstanding pledges; 3. To complete payments on 1951 and prior years' allocations to the United Jewish Appeal by December 15; 4. To obtain advances against 1952 allotments through bank loans and advance payments by individuals.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, addressing the delegates, declared that aid given to Israel by the United Jewish Appeal can help the new state "become an important part of the bastion which the free world is seeking to build to stop the

spread of Communism in the Near East," Sec. Tobin, reporting to the conference on his recent visit to Israel, emphasized that "one of the things Israel needs most is good, hard cash to develop its economy so that it can produce more and export more."

William Rosenwald, chairman of the special U.J.A. drive for \$35,000,000 in cash, who presided at the opening session of the conference, told the delegates that "reports from all parts of the country on this drive for \$35,000,000 are extremely gratifying" and that many communities have borrowed substantial funds from banks in order to meet the U.J.A.'s needs for cash with which to finance the emergency programs of its agencies.

Warburg Appeals for Continued High Level Campaign Work

Edward M.M. Warburg, U.J.A. general chairman, warned that "in the light of recent developments in other Near Eastern countries, it becomes a matter of utmost concern to Americans and free people everywhere that Israel be helped to secure her democracy on the firmest economic footing." In this connection, he reported that of the \$64,700,000 used by the U.J.A.'s constituent agencies--the United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and United Service for New Americans--a total of \$44,677,000 had been expended up to October 15 for programs of immigration, settlement and rehabilitation in Israel.

"Only courage of the highest order and faith in the future on the part of Israel's people," Mr. Warburg declared, "has kept the doors of Israel open in the face of mounting difficulties. Israel's citizens have willingly shared their freedom and their bread alike with all who have come to its shores, in a manner which entitles them to the admiration of the free world." He appealed for a continued high level of campaign activity to help the United Jewish Appeal realize its short-term \$35,000,000 cash goal with which to tide Israel over her present crisis.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the conference that the United Jewish Appeal today occupies a pivotal position in assuring the consolidation and strengthening of the State of Israel. "Nothing would do greater injury to Jewish populations waiting to emigrate to Israel from Eastern Europe and the Moslem world," Dr. Goldmann declared, "and nothing would hurt Israel more, than a slowing down of the aid which has been made available to Israel through the United Jewish Appeal. And that is even truer today than at any previous time since establishment of the new state in May, 1948."

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said, "the continued success of the United Jewish Appeal as a source of free dollars for Israel is absolutely indispensable to our political and economic security." Mr. Eban paid tribute to "the remarkably sympathetic action of the American people" in support of Israel and gave special praise to Congress in approving American aid to the new state. These actions, he said, plus the sale of Israel bonds in this country, "have enormously strengthened our prospect of building a healthy economic future."

Mrs. S. Alexander Brailove, chairman of the U.J.A.'s National Women's Division, reported to the conference that since January of this year the Jewish women of the United States have contributed a total of \$10,000,000 to the Appeal's nationwide campaign.

The delegates were shocked by the sudden death at this morning's session of William Kayserling, 82-year-old father of Leon Kayserling, chairman of President Truman's Council on Economic Affairs. Mr. Kayserling collapsed and died while participating in a symposium on the needs of the Jews abroad. Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the U.J.A., who announced his death to the conference, said that Mr. Kayserling's last words were: "We must save lives."

INTERNATIONAL JEWISH CONFERENCE CLARIFIES STAND ON GERMANY

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A three-point statement on Jewish claims against Germany was issued here at the concluding session of the two-day international Jewish conference called for the purpose of considering such claims. The statement, which was adopted unanimously by all delegates representing 20 major Jewish organizations from nine countries, said:

"1. The conference records its wholehearted support of the claim advanced by the Government of Israel in respect of the rehabilitation in Israel of victims of Nazi persecution.

"2. The conference demands satisfaction of all other Jewish claims against Germany, including claims for restitution and indemnification by individuals, successor organizations and others, and for rehabilitation of the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

"3. The conference calls for immediate steps to improve existing restitution and indemnification legislation and procedure, to enact such legislation where it does not exist and to speed up the settlement of Jewish claims in these fields."

Creates Two Committees to Deal with Problem

The conference created two ad hoc committees to deal with the question of Jewish material claims against Germany. One is a policy committee consisting of one representative from each of the organizations which sponsored and participated in the conference. The other is an executive committee consisting of 12 persons, which is authorized to take such practical steps as developments may necessitate.

With the exception of one person from France, whose name will be announced at a later date, the conference approved appointment of the following to serve on the executive committee: Dr. Leo Baeck, London; Dr. N. Barou, London; Mr. Jacob Blaustein, Baltimore; Mr. Samuel Bronfman, Montreal; Dr. Abraham Cohen, London; Mr. Frank Goldman, Lowell, Mass.; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, New York; Dr. Israel Goldstein, New York; Mr. Adolph Held, New York; Dr. Isaac Lewin, New York; Dr. Irving Miller, New York. The members were selected as individuals and not as representatives of organizations.

Emphasizing that "this conference was called together for the sole purpose of considering Jewish material claims against Germany," the statement issued by the parley recalls the "appalling martyrdom and losses" suffered by Jews at the hands of Nazi Germany, and declares that crimes of the nature and magnitude perpetrated by Nazi Germany against Jews cannot be expiated by any measure of material reparations.

"No indemnity, however large, can make good the destruction of human life and cultural values or atone for the agony of the men, women, and children tortured or put to death by every inhuman device," the statement says. "Every elementary principle of justice and human decency requires that the German people shall, at the least, restore the plundered Jewish property, indemnify the victims of persecution, their heirs and successors, and pay for the rehabilitation of the survivors. In this connection the conference recalls the note of the Government of Israel presented to the Occupying Powers on March 12, 1951.

"The significance of the statement made by the Chancellor of the German Federal Government on September 27, 1951, and approved by the West German Parliament, acknowledging that the unspeakable crimes committed during the Nazi regime

impose on the German people the obligation to make amends, will be judged by the speed and extent of its implementation," the statement pointed out. It stressed the fact that no acknowledgment of responsibility or readiness to make any amends has been made by Eastern Germany.

The conference closed with a luncheon tendered by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, who presided at the sessions. Ambassador Abba Eban, addressing the luncheon, said that the Israel Government fully supports the statement issued by the conference and is especially satisfied with the fact that the statement was adopted unanimously.

Israel Labor Favors Move to Seek German Restitution

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Labor newspaper Davar, official organ of the Histadrut, lashed out today against critics of moves to obtain restitution from Germany for Jewish victims of the Nazi regime.

The paper said that the New York conference on claims against Germany was not taking up the issue on a political or national basis, but had to determine whether there was a realistic, concrete value in Germany's recent declaration. It pointed out that the Israeli Parliament had taken an unquestionable attitude on the issue and declared that the Knesset, rather than the critics, represented the position of the nation and of the Jewish people on this "bitter account which eternity cannot settle."

EIGHTEEN JEWS ELECTED TO NEW BRITISH PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- There will be at least 18 Jewish members of the new House of Commons, according to incomplete returns in Britain's general election. All 18 ran on the Labor ticket. They include Barnett Janner, president of the British Zionist Federation, and S.S. Silverman, member of the executive of the World Jewish Congress.

In the Holborn constituency in London, three Jews, Labor, Conservative and Liberal, contested for the seat which was won by Laborite W.S. Jager with a slim 179 vote lead over his Conservative rival, Col. L.Y. Gluckstein. Emanuel Shinwell, a member of the last Cabinet, and Ian Mikardo, a supporter of Aneurin Bevan, dissident Labor leader, were also re-elected.

SHANGHAI AUTHORITIES ORDER REFUGEES TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Shanghai authorities have instructed all Jewish refugees in the city who have been unable to make the necessary economic adjustment, to prepare to emigrate to other countries, it was reported here today by HIAS, on the basis of a cable received from the Jewish Community Council in Shanghai.

About 2,000 Jews remain now in Shanghai and most of them have been unable to integrate themselves in the economy of the city after its occupation by the Communists. Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director of HIAS, today cabled Jewish leaders in Shanghai to ascertain the immigration desires for the affected Jews so that the HIAS can start working to obtain entry permits from countries of desired immigration.

REFORM JUDAISM LEADERS DISCUSS FIVE-POINT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The House of Living Judaism, new national headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and affiliated bodies of the Reform movement in this country, was dedicated here this week-end in a two-day convocation which saw 1,000 representatives of 440 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada together with another thousand guests participate in services, a dedication ceremony and an Institute on Judaism.

At the Institute for Judaism held today, congregational leaders were offered a five-point program for revitalizing the American synagogue in the face of the rising tide of secularism. The program would provide for: activation of present congregational members; enrollment of the unaffiliated; integration of meaningful ceremonies in the synagogue and home; intensification of youth activities programs; and, strengthening the national religious institutions of American Judaism. It was also stated that the synagogue must be alive to the problems, needs and hopes of its constituents and offer them constructive guidance and reassurance in a world beset with fears and uncertainties.

At a dedicatory banquet at the Statler Hotel last night, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver stated that "the establishment of Israel, although one of the most significant events in Jewish history, will not of itself guarantee the preservation of Judaism anywhere in the world." The problem of preserving the Jewish heritage "will remain the challenge and the opportunity of the Jewish people everywhere," he added.

Dr. Silver told the dinner audience that "a political state cannot be counted on to preserve a spiritual heritage. The Jews of the world will continue to take pride in Israel and support it." He pointed out, however, that the majority of the Jewish people will continue in the foreseeable future continue to live in the United States. "These Jews will continue in the future, as in the past, to be loyal and patriotic citizens and to participate fully and eagerly in the total life of their country," he stressed.

A similar note was struck at the dedication exercise by Dr. Maurice N. Eisen-drath, president of the U.A.H.C., when he declared that the House of Judaism "is a tangible affirmation of the fact that while American Jews have a deep spiritual kinship with Israel, they build for an enduring life in America for their children and their children's children for generations to come." He added that "our destiny lies" here in America.

In a message read to the dinner last night, President Truman called for a mustering of the moral forces of the world "to save freedom of religion and all our cherished freedoms from the aggression of atheistic communism." He also called for a world-wide revival in religion.

HISTADRUT ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK SET \$300,000 QUOTA

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A quota of \$300,000 for 1951-52 was adopted by the United Organizations for the Israel Histadrut Campaign at a conference here today. More than 1,500 delegates representing some 500 benevolent and fraternal organizations in this city gathered to discuss and plan their activities in behalf of the Israel federation of labor.

At a dinner of the Business and Professional Council of the Israel Histadrut Campaign here last night five governors were honored by the Histadrut drive--Governors Paul A. Dever of Mass.; Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey; John Lodge of Connecticut; Elbert N. Carvel of Delaware; and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who is ill and was represented by Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein. The Governors called for aid to Israel as a strong democratic center in the Middle East.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS THREE-DAY NATIONAL PARLEY

MONTREAL, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of Jewish organizations and communities from all parts of Canada are participating in the ninth plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress which opened here last night with reports on the organization's activities and with impressions on Israel given by Saul Hays, executive director of the Congress, who recently returned from a visit to the Jewish state.

A review of the work of the organization presented to the delegates emphasized that in 1950 the Canadian Jewish Congress acted as an initiator, together with the Zionist organizations, the B'nai B'rith and the Council of Welfare Funds, in the creation of a national fund-raising conference for Israel and overseas. "A basis for structure for a continuing organization was created and there are high hopes amongst the leaders in every field of Canadian Jewish life that Canadian Jewry will fulfill its responsibilities," the review said.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESENTS AWARD TO PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- For "signal achievement in the furtherance of hemispheric solidarity," President Miguel Aleman of Mexico was presented, at a banquet here tonight, with a B'nai B'rith citation as the 1951 "Man of the Year." The award was the first to be granted by the organization to any head of a state outside of the United States. It was presented by David Blumberg, of Los Angeles, a vice-president of B'nai B'rith.

President Aleman expressed his "deep appreciation for the way in which you have acknowledged the work I have been undertaking on behalf of the people of Mexico." The award was conferred in recognition of President Aleman's untiring efforts to strengthen cordial relations between Mexico and the United States.

GEORGE S. WISE TO HEAD AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and lecturer on Latin American sociology at Columbia University, was elected president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, it was announced here today. He succeeds Dr. Israel Wechsler who was elected honorary president. Joseph M. Mazer was elected chairman of the board.

Dr. Wise has served as a member of the board of the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal, the United Jewish Appeal and the Weizmann Institute. He is chairman of the economic division of the Histadrut Professional and Business Council. He has been a director and officer of the American Friends of the Hebrew University since 1948, and a member of its board of governors since 1949. He has received the highest honor Mexico awards to foreigners, the Aguilla Azteca, for his aid in the fight against illiteracy in that country.

"GOMPERS SQUARE" NAMED IN WASHINGTON; TRUMAN SPEAKS AT CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- President Truman this week-end honored the late Jewish labor leader Samuel Gompers at ceremonies marking the dedication of "Gompers Square" in this city. The President told his audience of labor leaders, government officials and others that the late organizer and first president of the American Federation of Labor had always directed the labor organization toward "justice for the under-man."