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## ISRAEL WILL ASK U.S. FOR NEW GRANT-IN-AID, SHARETT TELLS PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Israel will ask, in the next few days, for a new aid grant from the United States Government, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett announced in the Israel Parliament today. The Knesset was crowded as deputies and visitors came to hear Minister Sharett's statement of Israel's attitude toward a Middle East defense command and on American assistance.

The Israel Minister paid tribute to President Truman and leaders of both major political parties in the U.S. who made possible the \$65,000,000 in grants for Israel included in the recently passed U.S. foreign aid program. He declared that these grants are of "considerable help" in Israel's current difficult economic situation, and that they will improve the financial condition of the country. Mr. Sharett also told Parliament that Israel's interests lie in those countries whose Jewish communities can assist in bringing immigrants to the Jewish state and in stabilizing the nation.

In a resume of events at the Paris Arab-Israel conciliation conference, which has completed seven weeks of frustration, the Foreign Minister said that the success of the talks was doubtful from the beginning and it is now clear that the Commission has failed. Until the Arab states agree to Israel's condition that the armistice agreements be converted into peace treaties Israel will not enter into further negotiations with them, he stated.

He declared that it was the responsibility of the Arab states to absorb the Arab refugees, while Israel was prepared to pay reparations for abandoned Arab lands. However, he pointed out, Israel cannot in her present situation make such payment without international contributions, and that damages suffered by Israel as a result of the Arab invasion would be deducted from the total payment.

### Outlines Israel's Stand Towards Middle East Command

Outlining Israel's stand on the question of establishing a Middle East command, Mr. Sharett emphasized that the Western Powers have not invited the Jewish state to participate in such a command, but merely informed her of their plans to establish it. No Middle East command has been established as yet, he assured the deputies.

In this connection he pointed out that Israel views with anxiety the delivery of arms to any state in the Middle East which refuses to sign a peace treaty with the Jewish state. "The arms," he said, "might be turned against us at any moment and

under any circumstances, therefore Israel must look for closer ties with those democratic countries where the Jewish communities can assist us."

Mr. Sharett stressed Israel's wholehearted desire to see world peace preserved. However, the hard facts show that the international situation remains tense, he said. This, he added, compels Israel to safeguard her interests, security and independence "as we defended it during the War of Liberation."

Referring to the question of Israel's claims of \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany, the Foreign Minister mentioned the fact that major Jewish organizations from various countries last week conferred in New York on this subject and said that Israel waits for Germany to offer "practical proof of its intentions." He made it clear that reparations do not mean forgiveness or forgetfulness of the Nazi crimes against Jews.

The highlights of Mr. Sharett's speech were approved by the Israel Cabinet prior to its delivery in parliament. A debate scheduled to last eight hours began immediately after the Foreign Minister concluded his review.

#### TOP ISRAEL OFFICIALS DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST DEFENSE COMMAND

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The new situation created as a result of the decision of the United States, Britain, France and Turkey to establish a Middle East defense command, was under review this week-end at a two-day extraordinary meeting here of top government officials and diplomatic representatives.

Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, high officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff of the Israel defense forces met with the Israel Ministers to London and Ankara, who had been urgently recalled for consultations, and with the Israel military attaches to Washington, London and Ankara.

Several hundred Communists today demonstrated here against Israel's joining a Middle East defense arrangement. The demonstrators supported Egypt's fight for "total independence from Britain" and repudiated the expected negotiations with Germany for reparations to Jews for property looted by the Nazis.

There is no need for Israel to be included in a Middle East defense command because the Soviet Union will not attack the Jewish state, Dr. Moshe Sneh, leader of the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party, told a meeting of the Soviet-Israel Friendship League today. The League held a mass meeting here to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Soviet Minister to Tel Aviv Pavel Yershov, another featured speaker at the meeting, declared that the Atlantic Pact was not a treaty designed for defense purposes but for aggression. Shmuel Mikunis, Israel Communist leader, asserted that the progressive forces in the Jewish state would fight against Israel's joining the anti-Soviet bloc.

#### BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred here with Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee on various Middle Eastern questions. Future grants in aid to countries in the Middle East and the Middle East defense pact were among the matters discussed.

U.P.A. PARLEY PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL; ADOPTS \$145,000,000 BUDGET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The two-day national conference of the United Palestine Appeal concluded here today with resolutions pledging the support of American Jewry to Israel in its determination to keep the gates of the Jewish state open for the immigration of Jews from countries where they are in danger.

Responding to a cabled warning from Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion that immigration might be "drastically limited" due to a serious shortage of funds, the conference last night adopted a budget for the fiscal year totalling \$145,600,000 in order to help cope with the emergency.

At the concluding session today, the conference also adopted a resolution urging President Truman "to exert the weight of his office and the influence of the United States as a member of the United Nations to promote a formal and durable peace between Israel and the Arab states so that a stabilized Middle East may embark on a program of productivity and peace."

Addressing today's session, W. Stuart Symington, Administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, told the 1,000 Jewish leaders who attended the conference that Israel has established "a strong outpost of enlightened free enterprise" in one of the most troubled areas of the world. He expressed his belief that "if the people of Israel were called upon to fight again for the preservation of their homeland, they would be just as ready as they were to fight for its creation."

Rudolf G. Sonneborn, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, told the delegates that the U.P.A. budgetary needs are based on an immigration during the next twelve months of 150,000 Jews. He stressed, however, that this is the "minimum expected provided that the funds are available," and pointed out that a crisis in the Moslem and Eastern European countries could easily increase the influx to well over 200,000.

Eban Hails Israel's Inclusion in Mutual Security Plan

Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban told the delegates that the inclusion of Israel in the U.S. mutual security defense program "is a notable event in American-Israel relations." He emphasized that "at this stage the foundations of security and progress in the Middle East can best be strengthened by reinforcing those areas in which democracy has a firm foothold." He added that "the workers of the U.P.A. may feel satisfaction in the thought that your policy of assisting Israel in the absorption of its immigrants and the consolidation of its economy is now the official policy of the government and people of the United States."

Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that "without President Truman's warm concern and practical co-operation, Israel might have foundered and fallen by the wayside." The Jewish communal effort to help Israel through support of the U.P.A. and the U.J.A. represents an important extension of American foreign policy, he said.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, a U.P.A. constituent, in outlining the projected plan for reorganization of the United Palestine Appeal as adopted by the World Zionist Congress last summer in Jerusalem, explained that his organization would receive operating funds either from the Zionist

Congress or its Actions Committee rather than from the Appeal. Under this plan, which has not been implemented but which was the subject of conference discussion, the U. P. A. will represent in this country only the Palestine Foundation Fund.

Dr. Levine explained that "the Jewish National Fund retains its full independence in the disbursement of its funds, its scope of activities remains unimpaired, and the traditional collections, which for 50 years have been its preoccupation and the main source of its importance as a fund-raising and educational agency throughout the Jewish world, continue unrestricted."

### Goldmann Warns Against Ideological Regimentation of U. S. Jewry

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, addressing the conference last night said: "No group has the right to make its co-operation with the United Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal dependent upon the acceptance of its ideas by others, nor has any group the right to force other groups to give up their convictions and beliefs. Co-operation of American Jewish elements is possible only on the basis of mutual respect and tolerance and understanding."

He pointed out that "it would be a misfortune were American Jewry to be regimented and streamlined ideologically," and "if all political and social differences among American Jews were to disappear" it would mean the end of the intellectual and spiritual development of the American Jewish community, he warned.

Ellis Radinsky, U. J. A. executive director, reported that U. P. A. agencies in Israel spent, during the last fiscal year, a total of \$134,201,000 for the transportation, rehabilitation, and partial settlement of 203,000 immigrants. He stressed that the expenditures were \$40,000,000 less than the budget set for this year due to the drastic shortage of funds which made it possible for the U. P. A. agencies to provide "only the most minimum of needs."

### JEWISH WELFARE BOARD PARLEY ADOPTS \$2, 711, 674 BUDGET FOR 1952

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board will need a budget of \$2, 711, 674 in 1952 to meet its vastly increased responsibilities for service to the expanding U. S. armed forces and to its affiliated Jewish community centers, it was made known at the closing session today of the National Leadership Mobilization on GI and Community Service. Three hundred Jewish community leaders participated in the mobilization and approved the budget.

Philip M. Waterman, of New York, chairman of the J. W. B. Armed Service Division, estimated that before the end of 1952, the organization will be serving 200,000 Jews in uniform. Rabbi Max D. Davidson, chairman of the J. W. B.'s Division of Religious Activities, said there are now 70 Jewish chaplains on active duty. In 1952, Rabbi Davidson estimated, a minimum of 147 Jewish chaplains will be needed. A total of 575 military installations and V. A. hospitals are covered by the full and part-time chaplains, he reported.

J. W. B. president Irving Edison pledged uninterrupted service to the government as long as the need exists. He called upon the participants at the mobilization meeting to carry back to their communities the facts and to rally communal support

around J.W.B.'s effort to serve. "In a period such as this our responsibility is of great importance and should be so recognized and supported by the Jewish communities of America," he said.

Frank L. Weil, former chairman of President Truman's Committee on Morale and Welfare in the Armed Forces, declared that the "American Jewish community has a great responsibility which the National Jewish Welfare Board is peculiarly fitted to discharge." Other speakers at the conference included Assistant Secretary of Defense Daniel K. Edwards, Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Air Force Chief of Chaplains, and Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

#### CLEVELAND JEWISH FEDERATION AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MERGED

CLEVELAND, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The merger of Cleveland's two central Jewish agencies into one unified body, the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, was effected here when the general membership of the Jewish Welfare Federation ratified the merger plan which had previously been approved by the Federation trustees and the delegates assembly and executive committee of the Jewish Community Council.

Merger of the two agencies into one central body marked the culmination of three years of work, study and organization and the outcome is considered a milestone in the life of the Cleveland Jewish community. "Key Jewish communities throughout the country will watch closely our adventure in this new approach and new concept of community organization," Max Simon, who presided at the Federation's ratification meeting, declared.

The new agency provides for a more representative administrative procedure than its two predecessors had. A delegate assembly will consist of representatives of each organization formerly in the Jewish Community Council, plus an equal number of delegates at large elected by the general membership of the Federation. The board of trustees will include representation of agencies supported by the Federation, the delegate assembly, congregations and members at large.

The Jewish Welfare Federation, one of the first in the country, was established 48 years ago. The Jewish Community Council was set up in 1935.

#### NEWARK COMMUNITY WITHDRAWS RECOGNITION FROM UNION OUSTED BY C.I.O.

NEWARK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Essex County and a number of its beneficiary agencies announced they will cease recognition of Social Service Employees Union, Local 11, as bargaining agent for their employees on termination of the existing agreement on December 31.

The union and its parent organization, United Office and Professional Workers of America, were expelled from the C. I. O. because the policies and actions of U. O. P. W. A. "are consistently directed toward the achievement of the program and purposes of the Communist Party rather than the objectives and policies set forth in the C.I.O. constitution."

In a letter to the employees the Council gave its reasons for its move and said it desired to maintain collective bargaining relations with its employees. The council and its agencies regard their employees, it added, "as hard-working, loyal and upright American citizens." It assured them that no benefits they now enjoy would be reduced or impaired as a result of the withdrawal of recognition from the union.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ADOPTS \$682,000 BUDGET FOR 1952

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women today adopted a budget for the fiscal year--to end next September 30--of \$682,000. This is the largest sum ever appropriated for the organization's national operations, comparing with \$625,000 spent in the fiscal year just ended, and is part of an over-all annual expenditure on education, community welfare, and overseas service work carried on by the 240 branches amounting to some \$2,500,000.

The \$682,000 sum covers, in overseas service, a scholarship program which to date has financed the advanced studies in the United States of welfare experts from 15 underdeveloped and war devastated countries, sponsorship of the School of Education of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and of a home for unattached girls in Paris. It also covers community service and education work throughout the United States.

NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST DONATES \$100,000 TO HAIFA TECHNION

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- A donation of \$100,000 to the Haifa Technion by Harry F. Fischbach, New York philanthropist, was announced today by the American Technion Society. The Society supports the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, with funds and educational information.

A spokesman for the Society disclosed that Mr. Fischbach's gift would be utilized for the erection of a new Department of Electrical Engineering at the Haifa institution. Mr. Fischbach is now in Israel, where he conferred with Technion authorities in connection with the forthcoming transfer and extension of the Institute of Technology to a recently acquired campus site, where new buildings and laboratories will be erected at a cost of \$15 million.

JO DAVIDSON, U.S. SCULPTOR, PRESENTS BALFOUR BUST TO DR. WEIZMANN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Jo Davidson, noted American sculptor, presented a bust of the late Lord Balfour, author of the Balfour Declaration, to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, at a ceremony at the President's home in Rehovoth this week-end.

United States Ambassador Monnet B. Davis and Sir Alexander Knox Helm, retiring British Minister, witnessed the presentation ceremony. The American sculptor is remaining in Israel for several weeks to work on sculptures of Israeli leaders for exhibition later in the United States.

JEWS IN BRAZIL ESTABLISH ANNUAL AWARD FOR BEST YIDDISH BOOK

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- A group of Sao Paulo Jews today announced that they have set up an annual \$500 prize to be awarded the author of the best book of the year written in Yiddish. The group also announced that the first year's award would be restricted to an author who has published through the Polish Jewry Publishing Company of Buenos Aires, which has just printed its 75th book. This action was taken in honor of Marc Turkow, founder of the Argentine publishing house, who is now visiting Brazil.

WIDOW OF PROF. SIGMUND FREUD DIES IN LONDON AT AGE OF 90

LONDON, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Martha Freud, widow of Prof. Sigmund Freud, founder of the science of psychoanalysis, died here last night at the age of 90. Married in 1886, she and her world-famous husband came to this country from Austria in 1938 after the Nazis confiscated their property. Prof. Freud died in Sept., 1939.