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U. J. A. PARLEY SETS \$151,500,000 GOAL FOR 1952; RE-ELECTS WARBURG

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The three-day annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal concluded here today with the unanimous adoption of a \$151,500,000 goal for 1952 and with the drafting, by acclamation, of Edward M. M. Warburg to serve for the second successive year as general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Doctor Joseph J. Schwartz was re-elected U. J. A. executive vice-chairman.

The \$151,500,000 quota was described in the main conference resolution as a minimum sum which American Jews must raise in meeting the needs of the Jews in Israel and in other countries amounting to \$175,400,500. The resolution noted that the Jews of other democratic countries would divide among themselves the responsibility for raising the balance of \$23,900,500. This is the first time since 1949 that a special goal has been voted as a U. J. A. campaign objective.

Mr. Warburg, in accepting the general chairmanship, told the conference: "Our help in 1952 must take a new turn. Our principle objective must be to aid Israel consolidate the great gains she has made to date. For three and one-half years American Jews have sponsored the greatest homecoming in history as they helped more than 700,000 Jews reach Israel. Now we must turn the great homecoming into a great 'homemaking' - which will see the immigrants who have come properly housed, fully employed and contributing abundantly to Israel's development."

Dr. Schwartz told the conference that the \$15,500,000 goal "represents a realistic apportionment of a tremendous financial need which American Jews must meet as a matter of responsibility, conscience and urgency." He lauded American Jewry for its contribution of \$85,000,000 to the 1951 United Jewish Appeal.

Declaring that American Jews will be called on in 1952 as they were called on at the end of World War II to give out of every resource of their time, their energy and their means, Dr. Schwartz said: "We have no other choice because the Jews of Israel and the homeless in other lands have no other choice. Either we give for their rescue from economic peril and darkness or they will go down. Israel must not go down. The homeless must not be abandoned."

\$7,000,000 Presented by Leaders of Communities at Final Session

Checks totalling \$7,000,000 were presented at the closing session of the U. J. A. conference by leaders of various communities to William Rosenwald, national chairman of the U. J. A. Mr. Rosenwald urged all communities to continue their efforts to forward cash to the national offices of the U. J. A. on account of their 1951 efforts.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing anxiety over the health of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel. The resolution registered the "deep

affection" for Dr. Weizmann of the 3,000 organized Jewish communities in the U.S. represented at the U. J. A. parley. "We pray for his rapid and complete recovery both for his own sake and for the sake of the many thousands who look to him for guidance and leadership" the resolution said.

Conference Calls for Greater National-Local Co-ordination

The conference also adopted a resolution calling for a greater degree of national and local co-ordination in planning the drive of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond issue. The resolution recommends that local committees establish co-ordinating committees where none now exist and that all local co-ordinating committees meet immediately to develop the necessary plans for 1952.

Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban, in an address to the delegates, described the United Jewish Appeal as the "first in the field as an instrument of massive financial effort for Jewish rehabilitation." He expressed the hope that the \$51,500,000 goal for 1952 will be effectively attained and that "a successful United Jewish Appeal will radiate its victorious example to all other branches of our common effort."

The Israeli Ambassador emphasized that the preservation of the Jewish state depends upon the success of several efforts "for economic consolidation." He listed these as aid received from the U. J. A., the sale of Israeli bonds and the intergovernmental aid from the United States. He revealed that "our efforts in Washington to enlist governmental aid have prospered and are still going forward in an atmosphere of co-operation between the Department of State and the Embassy of Israel."

Co-Chairmen of Jewish Agency Address Delegates

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, addressing the conference, warned that Israel today is at the crossroads between "failure and glorious achievement." Just returned from Jerusalem, Dr. Goldmann emphasized that he was not exaggerating when he said that "the sense of crisis in Israel today is in many ways as great as it was in 1948" when the Jewish state was founded and then fought for its independence against the Arab armies. He stressed that this crisis "in some ways is greater, for there is more to lose."

Dr. Goldmann called upon all to join forces in the common effort to safeguard Israel's future. "In the face of this job," he declared, "the political squabbles and ideological clashes which inevitably arise in a democratic state and in a democratic movement such as the Zionist movement, must take second place."

John W. Gibson, chairman of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission, told the conference that the United States and Israel are "freedom's port of call for refugees." He pointed out that "the U.S. and Israel have played leading roles in seeking the solution of the refugee problem inherited from World War II." He lauded the Jewish state for doing "one of the most magnificent jobs of resettling displaced persons and refugees in the world."

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency who came from Jerusalem to address the session, made reference to Premier David Ben Gurion's statement of last Wednesday in the Israel Parliament. He declared that Mr. Ben Gurion's comments "have been subject to unfortunate misunderstanding." He stressed that "Mr. Ben Gurion could not have said nor could he have meant to imply that there is no longer any need to worry about the financing of mass immigration to Israel."

"What Mr. Ben Gurion did say and what is true," Mr. Locker asserted, "is that within the foreseeable future the sources of catastrophic immigration now available

to us will be exhausted." Mr. Locker emphasized that Mr. Ben Gurion did not say that "there will be a lack of Jews able and willing to go to Israel but that there will be a lack of countries willing to let them go."

Mr. Locker declared that the pace of Israel's immigration will depend on the outcome of the 1952 U. J. A. campaign. "The greater the success of the U. J. A. campaign in the United States," he declared, "the more rapidly will the entire immigration program be consolidated and the more successful will be the absorption of the immigrants into Israel's economy. There will be no limitation on immigration from countries "where Jewish communities are in immediate danger," he pledged. The principle of unlimited immigration will also apply, he explained, to countries where organization of immigration is beyond the Jewish Agency's control.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver urged the United States not to appease the Arab states at the expense of Israel. He called for "large-visioned statesmanship" on the part of the United States, capable of giving maximum support both to Israel and her Arab neighbors. He emphasized that the Arab world can make peace with Israel only if it is convinced by the affirmative attitude and co-operation of the great powers, that the state of Israel is here to stay. He called for strong support of the United Jewish Appeal in the coming year.

Supreme Court Justice Asks U.S. Aid for Israel

United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, addressing the session, hailed Israel as a democratic "symbol of hope and strength" in the feudal-ridden Near East. He urged full American governmental aid to help make the Jewish State "the shining example of what democratic principles can do in a continent ridden with feudalism." Heartily endorsing the U. J. A., he told the delegates:

"Israel is a strong addition to the growing force of nations who seek to uphold and defend the sanctity of the individual and his freedom. Israel is a vital link in a free association of freedom-loving nations and peoples. When we preserve Israel, we make that link stronger and forge a stronger union of the free world."

David Zvi Pinkas, Israeli Minister of Communications, re-affirmed the reliance of the Israel Government on the U. J. A., declaring that there was "not an atom of truth" in the contention that "the Government of Israel has concentrated all its interest in the Bond Drive to the exclusion of the United Jewish Appeal." He emphasized that "far from standing in mutual contradiction the U. J. A. and the Bond Drive are, in view of the Israel Government, complimentary operations each engaged in its special sphere of aid to Israel."

Rudolf G. Sonneborn, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, who presided at the opening session, told the conference that the chief task facing U. P. A. agencies in 1952 is "to speed the process of making immigrants a productive force within the social and economic framework of Israel." Ellis A. Radinsky, executive director of the U. P. A., said its agencies in Israel would require \$147,825,000 in 1952 for transportation, absorption and agricultural programs.

Mose ~~Wasserman~~ ^{Wasserman}, European director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, said that in 1952, the J.D.C. will require a minimum of \$23,507,300 for relief and welfare programs in Europe and the Moslem countries and for hard-core cases in Israel. Walter Beiringer, president of the United Service for New Americans, said that the U. S. N. A. and the New York Association for New Americans will require \$4,068,200 in 1952.

SCORES OF POLICE, ISRAELI SEAMEN INJURED IN CLASHES IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Thirty police and scores of strikers were injured this week-end in clashes in the port area here in the worst outbreak of violence since the inception of the Israeli seamen's strike now in its second month.

Thirteen police were hospitalized following pitched battles when a steel-helmeted force of 100 police sought to remove the striking crewmen from two freighters, the Tel Aviv and the Rimón. When the strikers refused to leave the ships, the police opened up on them with fire hoses from tugs and the strikers turned the ship's hoses on the police. The crew of the Rimón agreed to leave the ship without further resistance but the crew of the Tel Aviv, barricading themselves in the engine-room, held out for several hours.

The crew finally agreed to leave the ship and marched off, to assemble near the seamen's club in the port area. Several hundred other striking seamen broke today following their removal from the vessel this week-end on orders from the Israeli Government. Meanwhile, the freighter was unloaded and made ready to return to Israel later in the week with a general cargo including machinery and foodstuffs.

Strike of Israeli Seamen in New York Ended; 26 Face Deportation

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Twenty-six Israeli crew members of the American-Israeli Line freighter Yafó were awaiting deportation proceedings at Ellis Island today following their removal from the vessel this week-end on orders from the Israeli Government. Meanwhile, the freighter was unloaded and made ready to return to Israel later in the week with a general cargo including machinery and foodstuffs.

Orders for the removal of the 26 seamen came from the Israeli consulate here after members of the consulate staff went aboard the strikebound ship to interview each member of the crew. Fourteen of the crew, in addition to eight cadets, agreed to end their strike. Replacements for the 26 will be signed on here.

Z. O. A. HEAD REPLIES TO BEN GURION'S ATTACK ON U.S. LEADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Benjamin Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, this week-end replied to Israel Premier David Ben Gurion's criticisms last week of the leadership of the American Zionist movement, calling it "a most unfortunate outburst stemming from the emotional stress which the Israel Government is undergoing as a result of the heavy economic burdens with which it is struggling."

Mr. Browdy also expressed the belief that the Premier's attack was "made primarily for domestic consumption in an attempt to placate criticism leveled against the decision of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency to introduce a system of selective immigration to Israel. It has become a popular pastime in some party circles in Israel to shift the blame upon American Zionists for internal difficult situations which inevitably arise from economic and other hardships faced by a newly born country," the Z. O. A. president complained.

He said that the Premier's attack on the American Zionist leadership was "ill timed" because it came at a time when the leaders in a united and concerted fashion are "engaged in the gigantic task of mobilizing all American Jewish manpower and resources to aid in the economic development of the new state." Mr. Browdy also stated that "it is significant that it was entirely due to the efforts of the American Zionist leaders which prevented the Israel Government from going into financial bankruptcy."

DAILY BULLETINS ON WEIZMANN'S HEALTH DISCONTINUED AS HE IMPROVES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Daily bulletins on the health of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's 77-year-old President who has been critically ill, have been discontinued in view of the "continuous improvement in his condition." The President, who is confined to his home in Rehovoth, was visited by a number of friends and government leaders in the past few days.

TWO-DAY STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH IMMIGRANT VILLAGES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Several thousand immigrant families living in tents and other temporary dwellings in immigrant work villages have been rendered homeless in a two-day storm which has swept Israel, accompanied by a 50-mile-an-hour gale. The storm, which has already wrecked one vessel in the port of Haifa and has wrought great damage on citrus crops in the coastal area, was continuing tonight.

In northern Israel, some 300 families were evacuated after their tents and huts were torn down by the gale. At an immigrant village near Hadera police and military units were called in to rescue women and children when the temporary units in which they lived were swept away in floods. It was estimated that the heaviest damage was caused in one maabara located on the hills outside Jerusalem. There, the huts were toppled by the furious winds and again the police and troops rushed the immigrants to shelter.

Near Tel Aviv, an estimated 1,000 families were evacuated from two work villages which were flooded out by the torrential rains. Hundreds of immigrants gathered outside the Jewish Agency headquarters in Tel Aviv to demand that women and children be evacuated to secure towns and cities from immigrant projects.

The Agency today sent a convoy of jeeps to villages in the Jerusalem corridor with food, clothing and other essential supplies. Special details, accompanied by engineers, construction workers and technicians, have been hurried to threatened areas to transfer women and children from villages. An Agency spokesman today declared that the situation was in hand.

Haifa port authorities continued a search of Haifa Bay today for the bodies of five seamen lost when a Turkish freighter sank after losing its anchor in the storm and collided with the wreckage of the Patria. Twenty-three of the crew were saved. The 4,500-ton freighter was under charter to the Shoham company. It had completed unloading before the accident. Three of the missing seamen are known to be Jews.

ISRAEL CABINET MEETING CONSIDERS MARITIME STRIKE IN SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is taking a most serious view of the violence which has developed in the maritime strike in the Haifa area, a government spokesman announced here tonight after a Cabinet meeting this afternoon heard a report on the situation. The Cabinet decided to hold a special meeting later this week when it has additional material on the strike. (See earlier story on Page 4.)

The Cabinet meeting today also heard Premier David Ben Gurion report on the international scene and on developments relating to Jordan. In addition, the Premier told the Ministers what Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, had reported to him last week about negotiations with Germany on reparations. In the report of the Police Minister on the Haifa clashes this week-end, it was stated that 55 policemen had been injured and that five were still hospitalized.

BRITISH JEWS CONCERNED OVER ATTACKS ON BCYS IN LONDON AREA

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews' defense committee this week-end reported that "there was no evidence" that a number of attacks on Jewish boys in the Hackney district of London in recent weeks "were exclusively of an anti-Semitic or fascist character."

The Board's report, however, pointed out that a number of agencies are concerned with the problem and that there is a proposal under consideration to call, under non-Jewish auspices, a conference of youth leaders to discuss the problem. The report also stated that the Mayor of the borough and its representative in Parliament had been interviewed and were deeply concerned by the problem, as were the police authorities.

PREPARE CODIFICATION OF PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED AT NUREMBERG TRIALS

PARIS, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A code of offenses against the peace and security of mankind which would enact in international law the principles established by the Nuremberg trials has been submitted in draft form to the General Assembly by the International Law Commission of the United Nations, it was learned this week-end.

The draft was described here today as the first attempt to codify the principles which were the basis of the war-crimes trials. If adopted by the General Assembly, the result will be that international law will provide that crimes against humanity must be answered for by those who committed them.

UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG AWARDS GOETHE PRIZE TO PROF. MARTIN BUBER

HAMBURG, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The University of Hamburg has awarded its annual Goethe Prize to Prof. Martin Buber, noted Jewish philosopher and scholar, "for promotion of international understanding." Prof. Buber, who recently retired from the faculty of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, is now lecturing in the United States. The award is to be presented in the spring.

(In New York this week-end, Prof. Buber refused to comment on the award, stating the announcement came as a complete surprise and that he would need time to "think it over." Asked whether he would go to Hamburg to receive the award, Prof. Buber replied: "I don't think so.")

NOVELIST JOHN HERSEY HONORED FOR "THE WALL"

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Novelist John Hersey was among four recipients yesterday of \$500 prize awards by the Sidney Hillman Foundation. Mr. Hersey was selected for his novel, "The Wall," which depicted the Nazi liquidation of the Warsaw ghetto. The other awards were given to A. H. Raskin, labor reporter for the N. Y. Times, Murray Kempton, labor columnist of the N. Y. Post, and Dr. James H. Means of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S ROLE EXPLAINED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Simon Segal, director of the foreign affairs division of the American Jewish Committee, told a press conference here this week-end that the American Jewish Committee had provided "valuable help" in obtaining the United States grant-in-aid for Israel and was a big unifying factor in obtaining aid for Israel from non-American Jewish life and an important factor in obtaining aid for Israel from non-Zionist circles. He warned against hegemony of the Jewish Agency in the Diaspora which, he said, could cause a split in United States Jewry.

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