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## GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL OPPOSE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The General Zionist Party will vote against the Israel Cabinet's request to Parliament for authorization to negotiate directly with Germany for reparations, it was decided here last night at a meeting of the policy-making body of the centrist party, the second strongest in the country. When the Ben Gurion government makes its request of Parliament next Monday it will meet a united opposition, consisting of the leftist Mapam, Communist, rightist Herut and centrist General Zionist parties.

## DR. GOLDMANN HOPES KNESSET WILL APPROVE REPARATIONS TALKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Hope that the Israel Cabinet would pursue a policy of "realistic statesmanship" by formally recommending the initiation of direct discussions with the West German Government on Israel's reparation claims against the German people and that the Israel Parliament will accept such a recommendation was expressed here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency and acting president of the World Jewish Congress.

Speaking at a reception tendered by the American Jewish Congress to Dr. Israel Goldstein, newly elected president of the organization, Dr. Goldmann urged the great powers, and particularly the United States Government, to give the fullest support to Israel's claim for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany. "There can be no doubt in anyone's mind of Germany's obligation to pay," he stated. "The German Government itself has recognized this obligation."

Dr. Goldmann, however, declared that there can be no atonement for many generations for the harm inflicted by Germany on the Jewish people and warned that "any attempt by Germany to tie up material claims with the problem of moral relations between the Jewish people and Germany is bound to bring about the failure of any efforts for agreement on the material claims."

Dr. Goldstein, addressing the reception, called for a program of Jewish community life based on the positive values of the Jewish heritage and American democracy rather than on the negative fight against anti-Semitism. Such a program, he said, must rest on a two-fold motivation--a sense of kinship with the Jewish people throughout the world and a sense of obligation to participate in the general struggle for a better social order.

Rabbi Irving Miller, former A. J. C. president who presided at the meeting, declared that the Congress had a "total program for the creative Jewish survival of American Jews, a program of positive identification with the Jewish people everywhere and of integration into the general culture of America."

**J. D. C. ANNUAL MEETING TO DISCUSS 1952 BUDGET; \$23,507,300 SOUGHT**

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A proposed budget of \$23,507,300 to meet the essential needs of Jews in Europe, the Moslem lands and Israel during 1952 will be discussed at the 37th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee, which will take place this Saturday evening at the Hotel Astor, it was announced here today by Edward M. M. Warburg, newly re-elected general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and chairman of the J. D. C.

The achievements of the Joint Distribution Committee in helping Jews in various parts of the world during 1951 are outlined in a report by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, to be submitted to the meeting. Foremost among the accomplishments of the year were the substantial gains made in meeting two problems previously considered insoluble: the almost overwhelming needs of hundreds of thousands of undernourished, illiterate children, growing up in squalid, disease-infested mellahs in Moslem lands, and the urgent requirements of "hard core" immigrants in Israel for medical care and rehabilitation service.

"It can be confidently stated that in 1951 nearly 100,000 Jewish children in Morocco, Tunisia, Tripolitania, Iran and other countries of the Arab world were helped to emerge from the primitive Middle Ages and move a sizeable step closer to 20th-century living," Mr. Leavitt says in his report. "The headway they were able to make furnished ample evidence that J. D. C. --through feeding programs, medical care, educational and vocational assistance--had made a sound beginning in its fight against hunger, ignorance and premature death.

"In Israel, 1951 witnessed solid progress in J. D. C.'s Malben program for the care and rehabilitation of handicapped newcomers," the report continued. "For during the months just passed, a network of institutions--TB hospitals, centers for chronic sufferers, old-age homes and other installations established, equipped and staffed by J. D. C. --had provided hope and opportunities for recovery for thousands of incapacitated immigrants.

"But these two vitally important programs were only part of J. D. C.'s varied activities. The year opened on a scene of large-scale Jewish need. By year's end, some 270,000 men, women and children in all areas of operation had received J. D. C. aid--food, clothing, medical care, educational opportunities, assistance to work or to emigrate. The level of aid J. D. C. was able to bring was frequently inadequate to meet total needs. But by stretching each available dollar to the limit, supplementary assistance succeeded in holding down Jewish suffering," Mr. Leavitt reports.

**\$21,650,000 Appropriated by J. D. C. Last Year for 20 Countries**

The report emphasizes that for its relief, reconstruction and resettlement programs in 20 countries abroad, J. D. C. appropriated \$21,650,000 in 1951. With this sum it provided urgently needed food or cash grants to nearly 100,000; medical care to some 70,000, and educational assistance to 80,000. A home and protective service were given to the orphaned children and the helpless aged. The J. D. C. also assisted some 17,000 homeless Jews to reach the United States and other free lands.

Declaring that "Israel was the scene of J. D. C.'s largest operation," Mr. Leavitt said in his report that in 1951 more than 36 percent of J. D. C.'s appropriations for the year was used to take the "hard core" out of the immigration camps for cure and rehabilitation. "Impelled by the knowledge that thousands of sick and disabled emigrants were suffering acute hardship while they waited in the immigrant camps for available space in Malben institutions, J. D. C. early in 1951 embarked on an assortment of construction projects," the report says. "With an engineering staff, and

material shipped from the United States and Europe, a score of new institutions were erected. By the close of 1951, some 80 installations provided modern medical care for the aged, the sick and the helpless.

"Most important in the building program of 1951 was a 500-bed TB hospital at Be'er Yaacov which, although only partially completed, is already making medical history in Israel. Other institutions included three homes for the aged, a hospital for sufferers from chronic diseases, two custodial care centers for people requiring long-term care, a rehabilitation center for discharged TB patients and a home for retarded children. Of the 11,000 handicapped newcomers served by these and other institutions in two years, some 8,000--73 percent--were Malben's patients in 1951," the report points out.

The Malben program is not J.D.C.'s sole activity in the Jewish state. Traditionally, almost since its inception 37 years ago, J.D.C. has supported yeshivoth and refugee rabbis. In 1951 this aid went to 77 yeshivoth with an enrollment of 7,000 students, to teachers' seminaries, to rabbis' groups and scholars, all urgently in need of help.

Reviewing J.D.C. activities in the countries outside of Israel, Mr. Leavitt draws attention to the fact that a survey of conditions abroad reveals that the J.D.C. will continue to face large and challenging problems during 1952. For an estimated 250,000 men, women and children in Europe, Moslem and other lands, J.D.C. assistance is still a vital necessity, he declares.

#### JEWS IN MEXICO DECIDE TO MERGE ALL DRIVES INTO UNITED CAMPAIGN

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A united Jewish campaign for Israel, overseas and local needs will be conducted among Mexican Jews in 1952, under the leadership of G. Shimonovitch, who headed the last united campaign in 1950. The decision to conduct a united appeal resulted from the relative failure of the separate campaigns during 1951.

A group of teachers in Jewish schools in this country left this week for Israel where they will take special education courses. The courses, which will last for several weeks, have been arranged by the culture department of the Jewish Agency.

#### 400,000 REFUGEES STILL AWAIT RESETTLEMENT, U.N. REPORT SAYS

PARIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Some 400,000 refugees in need of resettlement will remain in Europe after the International Refugee Organization suspends all its activities, Dr. G.J. van Heuven Goedhart, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, declared in a report submitted yesterday to the U.N. General Assembly's Social Committee here. The I.R.O., which officially expired on Dec. 31, 1951, continues to function in some areas.

Dr. Goedhart, who estimated that 1,500,000 persons would require some sort of assistance from the U.N.'s refugee organization, asked that the Assembly issue an appeal for \$3,000,000 for aid to the neediest refugees. He said that the appeal would be aimed at governments and that the funds thus collected would be allocated to private agencies for relief work.

(At a press conference in Washington yesterday, John W. Gibson, chairman of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission, commenting on the United States DP immigration program, said that over 99 percent of the DP's who entered the U.S. are making a real contribution to the country. Due to a typographical error it was reported that Mr. Gibson had stated that over 39 percent of the DP's had made a real contribution.)

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CLOSES OFFICE IN AUSTRIA; OPENED IN 1947

VIENNA, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress has closed its office in this country and Ernest Stiasny, director of the bureau since it was opened here in 1947, is returning to the United States.

At a farewell party in his honor, Mr. Stiasny said that Austrian Jewry's main task in 1952 is to fight for the establishment of an heirless Jewish property fund. He expressed the opinion that the position of Austrian Jews has deteriorated in the past five years. Other speakers, including Israeli consul Arie Eshel, voiced regret at the closing of the W. J. C. office and the departure of Mr. Stiasny.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE EXPLAINS ITS MEETING WITH SEN. MCCARTHY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today issued a statement explaining a report that its representatives recently met with Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin. The statement follows:

"Through the newspaper columnist, George Sokolsky, Senator McCarthy asked to sit down with us in order to present information regarding his position on issues of interest to the Anti-Defamation League. Several members of the A. D. L. met and talked with Senator McCarthy at dinner and he described in detail his activities in recent years.

"While A. D. L. is not involved in politics, it feels it is discharging an important responsibility to the Jewish community in sitting down with government officials who wish to discuss matters related to our interests. The talk with Senator McCarthy was informal and informational in character and in our view did not call for any official announcement on our part. No part of the meeting involved any commitments on either side nor any endorsement of the Senator's political activity."

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS INVITED TO ATTEND PENTAGON CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Jewish religious leaders have been invited by Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett to participate in a national orientation conference for leaders of all faiths at the Pentagon, January 15-17.

The Jewish representatives include Rabbi Max D. Davidson, chairman of the Division of Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board; Rabbi Samuel Belkin, head of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, head of Jewish Theological Seminary, and Rabbi Nelson Glueck, head of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The conference will familiarize the religious leaders with the status and problems of the military establishment and specific religious and moral programs will be discussed. A review of the current military and political situation throughout the world will take place. Speakers will include Sec. Lovett, Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball.

CONGRESSMAN CELLER REPORTS TO TRUMAN ON HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee, who returned recently from Israel, reported to President Truman at the White House today that Israel is making steady progress toward economic recovery.

Rep. Celler predicted to White House newsmen that Israel, if invited, would join the Middle East Command. Rep. Celler said Israel has 100,000 well-trained soldiers and many more in reserve, and that the Jewish State is the West's "only anchor to the windward in the Middle East."

**CANADIAN ZIONISTS SAY ZIONIST LEADERS MUST NOT LEAVE FOR ISRAEL**

WINNIPEG, Canada, Jan. 3. (JTA)-- Issue is taken with Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion on the question whether Zionist leaders in the United States and Canada should leave their countries for permanent settlement in Israel, in a report to be submitted by Canadian midwest delegates to the national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada. The convention will open in Toronto Sunday evening with about 500 elected delegates in attendance.

"The Zionist leadership," the report says, "is far more important an asset to Canadian and American Jewry at this moment and for a generation or two to come, and to Israel on many grounds, if it stays and continues its leadership of Zionists here--contrary to what Ben Gurion has just pronounced in his attacks on the 'bankrupt' leadership of U.S. Zionism. It would be catastrophic for Israel and the whole of the program ahead, for the leadership to evacuate North America and leave for Israel," the report insists.

The midwest delegates' report also takes the position that the possibility cannot be disregarded of a mass migration from Canada to Israel within 10 to 50 years. It asserts that "there has been no fulfillment of the Zionist movement until every Jew who wishes to live in Israel can have the opportunity to do so." Ruling out the possibility of a mass emigration from Canada in the near future, the report argues for an intermediate program of fostering chutzpah of trained and skilled talent and technicians.

On the issue of whether the Zionist movement must remain alert in relation to fund-raising for Israel, the report says that fund-raising for the Jewish state would be in constant danger if left entirely in the hands "of those who for some political or ideological reason may decide to terminate their association with Israel." Organized Zionism, the report adds, must, without endangering fund-raising and money support, not abdicate the field of official spokesman "to the bandwagon supporters."

The report sees an organized Zionist movement as a "bridge" between Israel and American Jewries to make any future mass transfer to the Jewish state an orderly movement, and to eliminate friction that would result between Israel and certain powerful sectors of American Jewish leadership.

**J. N. F. Official Attacks Zionist Leadership in Argentina**

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A violent attack on local and world Zionist leaders was made here today by Joseph Weitz, director of development of the Jewish National Fund, in a final report to the Central Zionist Council of Argentina before his departure for Israel.

He accused the leaders of doing too little for Israel and with being spurred only by catastrophes. He stressed the need for a Hebrew education, charging that the second generation of Jews in Argentina was losing its Jewishness. Assailing the party divisions in the Zionist movements outside Israel, he said that they are an "imitation of bad things in Israel," and severely criticized the party organization of pioneering training centers here. Mr. Weitz also taxed Zionist leaders with using fancy phraseology about the Jewish state while being unaware of daily developments in Israel.

**AMERICAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TO BROADCAST WEEKLY SERIES ON ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Fordham University, a Catholic institution, will broadcast over its radio stations a weekly series of programs devoted to the social and cultural life of the State of Israel, it was announced here today. The series will be initiated on January 5, and will be broadcast every Saturday evening.

**NEW YORK RABBIS OPPOSE PLAN FOR DAILY PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis throughout the State of New York, today issued a statement opposing the recommendation of the Board of Regents that every school day be opened with prayer in the public schools.

"The New York Board of Rabbis," the statement says, "regards our cherished tradition of separation of church and state as the foundation stone of American democracy and religious liberty. We have, therefore, held steadfast to the conviction that religious education, which in our tradition is the bulwark of our faith, must remain the responsibility of the home, the synagogue and the church, and not of the public school. We would consider the adoption of the Regents' proposal a serious infringement of that principle."

Legislation to put into effect the suggestion of the Board of Regents will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature by Assemblyman Frank J. Pino and Senator Louis L. Friedman. Identical bills to be presented by the two legislators will require classroom teachers to lead the children, following the pledge of allegiance, in the prayer proposed by the regents.

**JO DAVIDSON, INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN AMERICAN JEWISH SCULPTOR, DEAD**

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Jo Davidson, internationally known American Jewish sculptor, who recently visited Israel and completed plaster casts there of busts of President Chaim Weizmann and members of the Israel Cabinet, died in Paris last night following a heart attack. He was 68 years old.

Born in a poor Jewish family in New York's lower East Side, Davidson became interested in drawing when he was a boy, but his family had no funds to provide art training for him. At the age of 16 he won a scholarship at the Art Students League in New York. After studying art for three years, he became dissatisfied and entered Yale University to study medicine there. Later he noticed at the Yale School of Fine Arts that some students were modeling clay. He tried his skill at the art and became so interested in it that he quit medicine and went back to art.

No other sculptor has ever made portrait busts of so many famous men of his time as Mr. Davidson. He liked to refer to himself as a "plastic historian." Among his sitters were President Woodrow Wilson, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Marshal Foch, Anatole France, George Bernard Shaw, Benito Mussolini, John D. Rockefeller, Israel Zangwill, General Pershing, George Clemenceau and Mahatma Gandhi.

During his recent visit to Israel he did the busts of Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Acting President Josef Sprinzak, Minister of Labor Golda Myerson, Minister of Communications Dov Joseph. He and his wife intended to return to Israel next month.

**DUKE OF WINDSOR CONTRIBUTES TO YOUTH ALIYAH DRIVE IN LONDON**

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Duke of Windsor has contributed a signed copy of his book "A King's Story," to a campaign here for funds for Youth Aliyah and the Save the Children Fund. The Duke's book will be sold at auction as well as a number of rare and valuable books including first editions of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."