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U.J.A. GETS $11,341,000 AT INAUGURAL PARLEY; WARBURG HAILS RECORD

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The largest sum ever given to launch a nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was contributed here today as gifts totalling $11,341,000 poured in at the closing session of the U.J.A. national inaugural conference to formally open the Appeal's 14th annual drive for aid to Israel, distressed Jews overseas and refugees entering the United States.

This record contribution, which keynoted the opening of U.J.A. activity in 5,000 communities throughout the country, exceeded by $1,191,000 the sum given here one year ago when $10,150,000 was contributed at a similar launching of a U.J.A. campaign.

Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the U.J.A., who presided at the session attended by more than 500 Jewish leaders from communities in 41 states, hailed establishment of this new record in individual and corporate giving as "another great demonstration by American Jews of their utmost concern for human life and human liberty."

In a concerted move to help the U.J.A. repeat and exceed its $150,000,000 achievement of four years ago, 18 major cities have voted re-adoption of their 1948 local goals to bring to more than $67,000,000 the goals set in the first six weeks of the year. Community action in adopting $67,000,000 in local goals approaches nearly one-half the U.J.A.'s $151,500,000 goal.

Ben Gurion Appeals to U.J.A.; Eban Emphasizes Israel's Needs

Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, in a cable to the conference, declared that Israel "is beset by grave and dangerous difficulties which the young state cannot master without the continuous and selfless cooperation of Jewish men and women the world over." He termed the United Jewish Appeal "that noble instrumentality" whose "healthy, constructive help" has been felt throughout Israel.

Abba Eban, in a comprehensive statement of Israel's economic and political position, told the conference that the United Jewish Appeal, which was the first agency in the field to assist Israel in its task of nation-building has "lost nothing of its central and abiding importance."

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the U.J.A., termed the $11,341,000 contributed today as "a remarkable beginning in this year's drive of the U.J.A. to raise $151,500,000 and thereby assure victory for Israel as she fights her second war of indpendence--this time for economic independence." Dr. Schwartz urged American Jews to follow this afternoon's action "with the kind of generosity that can help the U.J.A. achieve by June 30 two-thirds or $100,000,000 of its $151,500,000 goal."

DISSIDENTS SPLIT MAPAM; PARTY DENOUNCED AS TOOL OF COMMUNISTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Dissidents within the pro-Communist Mapam Party today opened offices in the large cities of this country and started a nation-wide campaign to recruit new members. The action was taken following the resignation this week-end from the Mapam of two of its leaders, David Livshitz and Hanna Lamdan, both deputies in the Israel Parliament and members of the Achduth Avoda faction of the party. Both asked the praesidium of Parliament to recognize them as an independent group.

They also issued a statement which was a scathing denunciation of the Mapam Party as a tool of the Communists that had betrayed Israeli labor. Mrs. Lamdan, deputy speaker of the Knesset, resigned the post,declaring "I no longer represent Mapam." A special Mapam Party court tried the two dissidents in absentia and ordered them expelled "for undermining the United Workers Party Mapam."

The split in the leftist party followed adoption of a policy of support of Egypt against British "imperialism." In a bitter attack on the Mapam Party, the two dissidents said that "there is hardly a field for independent activity within Mapam which does not call for association with the Communist Party." The Mapam, their statement charged, "has disappointed all who have supported it. Mapam betrayed the Israeli laborers who believed in its call and its mission."

The last signs of independence shown by the party, the statement said, disappeared with the dispatch of a mission to East Berlin and the adoption of the pro-Egyptian policy, both of which, the statement charged, were dictated by the Communists. The defection of the two reduces Mapam's representation in the Knesset from 15 to 13 but it remains the third largest group in Parliament.

GREECE APPOINTS ENVOY TO ISRAEL; OPPOSED CREATION OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Greece, which gave the State of Israel de facto recognition after its establishment, announced its intention to appoint a diplomatic representative to the Jewish State. M. Moschopoulos, Greek Consul General in Jerusalem, called at the Israeli Foreign Office here this week-end and formally notified Israel of his government's decision. M. Moschopoulos will be the Greek representative.

The Greek decision was hailed here as an indication of closer relations between the two Mediterranean states and hopes were expressed that Greek de jure recognition of Israel would be forthcoming soon. Greece was the only European country to vote at the United Nations in 1947 against the establishment of the Jewish State.

SOVIET MINISTER CALLS ON SHARETT; NATURE OF TALKS NOT REVEALED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Pavel Yershov, Soviet Minister to Israel, today called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and discussed a number of questions with him. The nature of the discussion was not revealed.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN RECEIVES ARGENTINE "ORDER OF MERIT"

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- President Weizmann was presented with the Argentine award of the "Order of Merit, Grand Master." The presentation was made at the home of Dr. Weizmann at Rehovoth by Argentine Minister Pablo Manguel in behalf of Argentine President Juan Peron.

U.S. AND ISRAEL DISCUSS COMPLETION OF $65,000,000 GRANT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- United States-Israeli negotiations for completion of the agreement under which Israel receives $65,000,000 in aid from the United States under the Mutual Security Act of 1951 opened here this week-end.

The negotiators will complete details on the draft agreement prepared by the Israel Embassy in Washington and the U.S. Department of State. Of the total aid grant, $25,000,000 has already been released to Israel and the agreement, which is expected to be signed within a few days, will cover the entire amount.

Counterfunds called for by the agreement, will be provided by the Israel Government in accordance with the new rates of exchange announced by the government last week. Counterfunds against previous expenditures from the aid grant will be paid at the then prevailing rate of $2.80 to the Israel pound.

In opening the negotiations at the Foreign Ministry, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said that "by aiding Israel, the United States Government is promoting a great work of human reconstruction, the grafting of the bud-wood of modern democracy and technological civilization on the stock of an ancient culture to enable the spreading tree of Israel's national life to realize the full promise of its fruition."

He welcomed American aid and described it as "a noble and creative understanding" which, he said, "will be everlasting in the annals of Jewish and world history." United States Ambassador Monett B. Davis, in reply, stressed that the keynote of the Mutual Security program is cooperation based on mutual effort and self-help.

BILL RECOMMENDS $150,000,000 AMERICAN AID FOR ISRAEL IN 1952

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A bill to grant Israel $150,000,000 outside of Mutual Security Funds has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Charles A. Buckley, of New York, who said today that he will do everything within his power to secure passage of the measure, to be known as the "Israel Aid Act of 1952." The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Rep. Buckley said: "I shall do all in my power, during the present session of Congress, to see to it that the United States grants further economic assistance to the State of Israel in order to aid it in absorbing this large influx of immigration and in developing its natural resources and industries.

"With its security and independence thus strengthened," he continued, "Israel will become a military, economic, and industrial pillar for the free world in the Middle East, aiding in the maintenance of world peace, security and liberty, and thereby promoting the general welfare and security of the United States and all the world."

700 HORSES HOLD "HUNGER DEMONSTRATION" IN TEL AVIV STREETS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A "hunger demonstration" by about 700 horses took place today on the main streets of this city when some 400 owners of horse-drawn carts paraded in a demand for adequate fodder supplies for their animals. The cart-owners insisted that the food supply for the horses has been declining.

The Communications Ministry today granted an immediate 25 percent increase in transport fares. The increase was allowed because of the rise in the cost of oil, gasoline and spare parts for vehicles.

140 ZIONIST LEADERS ARRESTED IN RUMANIA WITHIN TWO WEEKS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- More than 140 Zionist leaders have been seized by the police in Rumania during the past two weeks and several Jewish members of the Communist Party have been arrested on charges of being "freemasons," Rumanian immigrants who arrived at Haifa from Constanza, reported today.

They said that a propaganda trial of some of the arrested Zionists on anti-state charges would be held soon in Bucharest. The Rumanian Communists have stepped up the campaign against Israel and are doing everything possible to deter Jews from seeking to emigrate to the Jewish State, the immigrants reported. Large posters have been put showing naked children in the Israel immigrant camps and bearing the admonition: "Don't leave the advantages you enjoy in Rumania for unemployment and misery in Israel."

The arrivals reported that new Rumanian exchange rates increase emigration difficulties since many prospective emigrants do not have enough money to pay their rail fares to Constanza, port of embarkation for Israel. While prospective emigrants to Israel have received 1,000 exit permits, they said, 500 of them were unable to use the permits because they lacked the train fare to Constanza.

WARSAW POLICE ARREST JEWS VISITING ISRAELI LEGATION

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- In a new move to discourage Jews in Poland seeking to emigrate to Israel, the Polish police have set up a watch around the Israel Legation in Warsaw and are arresting Jews visiting the building, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The JTA's informant is a reputable Polish Jew who managed to escape from Warsaw this month. He said that of the 40,000 Jews in Poland, at least 15,000 could be regarded as potential immigrants for Israel.

Jews who had called at the Israel Legation on February 2 were arrested by uniformed police as they left and were taken away, he said. The same thing happened on the following day, he said. By the week-end, word of the police action had gotten around the community and only two Jews dared to visit the legation. They, too, were arrested.

Sixteen Jews, who came to Warsaw from provincial centers and presumably were unaware of the police measures, visited the legation on February 11, the JTA informant reported. They were seized by the police as they left and taken away in commandeered taxis.

Later on the same day, he said, four Jews left the legation closely followed by a woman believed to be a legation staff member, giving rise to the belief that the legation was seeking to ascertain what was going on. The four were picked up by the police later in the day. The police subsequently changed their tactics and replaced the uniformed police watch around the legation by plainclothesmen.

The JTA's informant said that it was later established that the arrested men were examined for several hours. During the grilling they were repeatedly asked the reason for their visit to the legation, what they had discussed there and whether the legation staff had attempted to influence them to emigrate to Israel. They were also warned that they would suffer "severe consequences" if they were caught entering the legation again.

BRITISH TELEVISION PLAY PROVOKES JEWISH PROTESTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Israel legation was reported here today to have made representations to the British Broadcasting Corporation following the screening of a television play, "The Prisoner," a central character of which was an Israeli officer who was depicted as a Hitler-type Britain-hater who made obscene gestures before a statute of Christ.

A second character, referred to in the dialogue but not shown on the screen is an Israeli Cabinet minister who is described as a Nazi collaborator. The play also suggests that Israelis delight in maltreating Arabs.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, representative body of British Jewry, is reported to be considering a formal complaint to the B.B.C. and the Council of Christians and Jews has undertaken an investigation. The B.B.C. is understood to have received numerous complaints following the screening of the play.

VALUES OF AMERICAN CULTURE RICHLY ENDOWED BY JEWS, TRUMAN SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- "The vigor of Jewish scholarship and the broad understanding of the leaders of world Jewry have richly endowed the values of American culture," President Truman stated in a message sent to the inauguration of the Seminary Israel Institute here, established by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America with the cooperation of the Jewish Agency. About 1,000 persons attended the inauguration ceremony.

Addressing the gathering, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said: "This planet passed from paganism to civilization at the precise moment when it was touched in Israel by the lucid radiance of the Hebrew mind. No people ever suffered more cruelly from the deprivation of its nationhood or ever merited its restoration more."

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, defined the purpose of the Seminary Israel Institute as "the clarification of the aims and purposes of the State of Israel and discussion of the common problems of the Jewries of that State and of the United States." Dr. Hayim Greenberg, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, told the audience that Jewish culture must be universal in its significance. "The very existence of Israel is deeply involved in intercourse with the diaspora, and its culture must weave itself out of the threads of constant communication with the diaspora," he said. "If this is true of Israel, how much more it is true of the diaspora," he added.

$1,000,000 RAISED AT NATIONAL HISTADRUT PARLEY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Over $1,000,000 was raised here today on behalf of the $10,000,000 Israel Histadrut campaign at a national mobilization conference at the Hotel Commodore. More than 2,500 delegates from 250 cities and towns across the country attended the all-day meeting to spur the fund-raising drive in aid of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation.

Highlight of the conference was the presentation of a special scroll of honor to Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing for his aid to Israel and the Histadrut. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ewing said that "our goal" should be not only the preservation of Israel but the "progress of all the nations of the Middle East, in a community of freedom and progress and peace."

Other speakers included Eliezer Livneh, member of the Israel Parliament; Joseph Schlossberg, general chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel; and Dr. Joseph Burstein, chairman of the Histadrut delegation to the United States. Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, presided.

ARIZONA GETS BILL BANNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, RESORTS

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A bill which would declare discrimination in employment, accommodations, or use of public resorts because of race or religion contrary to the policy of Arizona and punishable as a public nuisance has been introduced in the State Legislature. A fair employment practices bill and a joint resolution for establishment of a human relations commission are also pending in the legislature.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL TO LAUNCH INDEPENDENT DRIVE IN LOS ANGELES

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will launch an independent fund-raising drive in Los Angeles through the Joint Defense Appeal, it was announced today.

"The decision of the agency leaders to go directly to the community for support was made necessary by continuing reductions in the allocations made available to the J.D.A. by the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund," the announcement said. The J.D.A. this year is also conducting independent campaigns in New York and Chicago.

U.S. JEWISH SCIENTIST SYNTHESIZES NEW ANTI-TUBERCULIN DRUGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The chemist who synthesized two anti-tuberculosis drugs which are being hailed as a possible agent to halt almost any form of tuberculosis is a Jewish scientist, Dr. Herbert Fox, it was revealed here today.

The cost of the treatments given to an experimental group of 190 tubercular patients at the Sea View Hospital, on Staten Island, New York, is about 25 to 50 cents a day, a phenomenally low figure. The experimental group is being cared for under the direction of Dr. Edward Robitzek, acting director of the hospital's medicine department, and Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, a visiting physician at the hospital.

PROTESTANTS OFFER CHURCHES FOR USE OF NEW JEWISH CONGREGATION

SUMMIT, New Jersey, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Some 40 Jewish families of this town and several neighboring communities, who have organized themselves into the first Reform congregation in the area, have been offered the use of either the Baptist or Unitarian Churches for worship and Sunday school. The newly-elected president of the congregation, Arthur D. Schwartz, announced that the first services will be held next month on the premises of one of the two Protestant churches which made the offer.

ISRAEL MUNICIPALITIES NAME STREETS IN HONOR OF DR. GRANADOS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Two Israeli municipalities today named streets in honor of Dr. Garcia Granados, former Guatemalan representative to the United Nations, who served on the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine which recommended the partition of Palestine and the formation of a Jewish State. Dr. Granados, who is currently visiting Israel, attended ceremonies at Ramath Gan and Nathanya at which streets were named in his honor. He also lunched with President Weizmann at the latter's residence in Rehovoth.

YMHA CELEBRATES 78TH BIRTHDAY; YWHA MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Young Women's Hebrew Association celebrated its 50th anniversary here this week-end. At the same time, the Young Men's Hebrew Association marked its 78th anniversary. The two were merged into the YM-YWHA in 1945.