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ABOLITION OF ALL DRIVES, EXCEPT U.I.A. AND BOND DRIVE, PLANNED

JERUSALEM, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Plans to "normalize" fund-raising for Israel by abolishing all drives, except the United Israel Appeal and the sale of Israeli bonds, are being prepared by the Keren Hayesod here, it was revealed today at a press conference by Eliahu Dobkin, leading member of the Jewish Agency executive. He classified the fund-raising campaigns as follows:

1. "Pointless drives" for institutions whose existence is not important for the development of the Jewish state. Such drives, he said, serve the interests of either private persons or small groups. The Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency will fight them "mercilessly," he declared.

2. Drives approved by the World Zionist Congress. They will receive the fullest support of the Jewish Agency. These include the Hadassah drives, Youth Aliyah and others, Mr. Dobkin said.

3. Drives which were not authorized by the Congress, such as drives for the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute of Science, Haifa Technion, WIZO, American Fund for Israeli Institutions and others. The Jewish Agency is negotiating with leaders of these campaigns for "normalization" of fund-raising. Mr. Dobkin stated.

4. World fund-raising organizations, such as the American Joint Distribution Committee, ORT, OSE, HIAS, all of whom now operate in Israel.

The Jewish Agency leader pointed out that in order to "normalize" the situation in world-wide Jewish fund-raising, all the above institutions should receive their allocations from Jerusalem, or the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem should decide on allocations for each agency or institution which is now raising funds separately.

Mr. Dobkin said that he has no illusions that his proposal will be accepted at this time, adding that it will take a considerable time to achieve his aim. However, he said, the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee will consider the problem and may impose "sanctions" against those institutions which refuse to accept the authority of the Actions Committee in fund-raising activities.

Elimination of the party system in the Zionist movements in countries outside Israel and their replacement by territorial Zionist federations was advocated here today by Moshe Kol, member of the Agency executive, who has just returned from a tour of Europe. He said this was the only way to halt the decline in the pioneering spirit in countries outside Israel, adding that only 500 to 600 chalutzim are expected to arrive in Israel this year.

ISRAEL STARTS PAYMENTS ON AMERICAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LOAN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel today made the first payment on principal on loans totalling \$135,000,000 which it received from the United States Export-Import Bank.

The amount of the principal repayment was \$1,458,341. At the same time, a semi-annual interest payment of \$1,494,722.47 was made. A check for the combined amount, totalling \$2,953,063.47, was formally handed by Ambassador Abba Eban to Herbert E. Gaston, chairman of the bank, at the bank's offices.

Two separate loans were made by the Export-Import Bank to the Government of Israel. The first, in the amount of \$100,000,000, was granted in January, 1949, and the second, in the amount of \$35,000,000, in December, 1950. The loans are to be repaid in 12 years and carry an interest rate of three and one-half per cent. The funds are being utilized by the Israel Government for approved projects in the developments of agriculture, communications, industrial projects, transportation, expansion of the port of Haifa, and telecommunication equipment.

The largest part of these loans, including the entire amount of the second loan, was allocated for agricultural development in connection with the reclamation of desolate land, irrigation, the purchase of machinery and other agricultural equipment. The total amount from these loans devoted to agriculture was \$70,000,000.

Testifying before a sub-committee of the House of Representatives on appropriations, Mr. Gaston declared in connection with these loans that Israel was "administering their projects very successfully and very wisely." He added that the loans were being used "for the creation of a really modern western type of civilization in the most backward region of the world."

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST SESSION

JERUSALEM, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The Economic Advisory Council, established by the government to help carry out Israel's new economic policy, today held its first meeting. The Council consists of 34 members, including two Arabs, and represents all elements in the population.

Opening the meeting, Premier David Ben Gurion said that the Council's task will be to clarify ways and means of the Jewish State achieving economic independence, especially by increasing its agricultural and industrial output, by importing less and exporting more as well as by increasing efficiency and rationalization of distribution. The Council is to discuss every economic problem without consideration of political aspects, the Premier declared.

ISRAELI SHIP ACQUIRED IN UNITED STATES REACHES TEL AVIV PORT

TEL AVIV, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The 12,000-ton ship Abraham Gretz of the Israeli-America Line reached Israel today from the United States on her maiden trip under the Israeli flag. The ship is owned by the M. M. Dizengoff Company, which reported an income of \$4,000,000 during the last two years. The company contemplates acquiring more ships in the United States.

U.S. CHAIRMAN OF WORLD MIZRACHI MOVEMENT RESIGNS FROM HIS POSTS

TEL AVIV, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Herman Hollender, American chairman of the Mizrahi World Union, who is an Israeli resident, resigned from all posts which he holds in the Mizrahi movement, it was reported here today. His resignation was due to ideological reasons, the report said.

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MIDDLE CLASS JEWS TO BE DEPORTED FROM BUCHAREST TO LABOR CAMPS

VIENNA, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Middle class Jews and other "non-productive elements" in Bucharest have been instructed by the Rumanian authorities to be prepared for "compulsory transfer" to labor camps in the Black Sea region, according to reports published in several newspapers here.

The Neue Wiener Tageszeitung estimates that between 10,000 and 20,000 persons will be affected. It says that the identification cards of all residents in the Rumania capital were collected and stamped by the police authorities. At that time the middle class Jews, former state officials and former industrialists were told that they will be moved from the city, the report said.

POLISH GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY AGREES TO EMIGRATION OF JEWS

LONDON, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The Polish Government recently gave Dr. Leon Kubovi, Israeli Minister in Warsaw, assurances that Polish Jews with families in Israel will be permitted to immigrate to the Jewish State, the Jewish Chronicle reported here this week-end.

The Chronicle report said that Polish President Boleslaw Beirut is taking a personal interest in the problem and is anxious to see it solved in a "humane manner." It reports that conditions attached to the Polish Government's proposal provide that each application for an Israeli visa will be considered individually and that there will be no collective transports of emigrants as there were previously.

There has been no slackening in the rush to obtain Israeli visas despite the reported arrest of Jews coming to the Israel legation in Warsaw, the Chronicle dispatch said. This situation has caused "much disappointment" to the Jewish Communists in Poland, the Chronicle said, adding that they bitterly resent pro-Zionist sentiment and the "evident failure of their vitriolic anti-Israel campaign."

ISRAEL WILL QUERY PRAGUE ON FATE OF MISSING MAPAM LEADER

TEL AVIV, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli Legation in Czechoslovakia will inquire into the whereabouts of Mordecai Oren, leader of the leftwing Mapam Party who disappeared while visiting Prague, it was learned here today.

Instructions on this subject have been sent by the Israeli Foreign Ministry to the legation. The decision to intervene with the Czechoslovak authorities was reached by the Foreign Ministry here in view of the fact that no news has been received of the fate of Mr. Oren, an Israeli citizen.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSING DISPOSITION OF EX-NAZI GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The Defense Department is still discussing the problem of the disposition of Walter P. Schreiber, ex-Nazi General who until last week was employed at Randolph Field, Texas, at the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine.

It was learned today from Immigration and Naturalization authorities that Dr. Schreiber is still in the custody of the Air Force. No request has been made by the Air Force for deportation action on Schreiber, a spokesman for the Immigration Service said today.

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GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS APPEAL FOR FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

BONN, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The executive of the Social Democratic Party today passed a resolution protesting against the showing in Germany of films produced by Veit Harlan, anti-Semitic producer of the notorious Nazi film "Jud Süss." The resolution also protested the anti-Semitic demonstrations which occurred in several German cities recently when Harlan's films were shown.

The executive voiced a demand for an immediate investigation to establish the initiators of the anti-Semitic demonstrations. It also asked for an investigation of the behavior of the police who "either failed to intervene or took the wrong side."

"The Social Democratic Party appeals to all men of good will to fight against anti-Semitism," the resolution said. "Those who tolerate anti-Semitism soil the honor and the name both of Germany and humanity," it emphasized.

CITY OF MUNICH AGREES TO PAY RESTITUTION FOR JEWISH PROPERTY

MUNICH, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- After negotiations which lasted for about six months, an agreement was reached here between the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization and the City of Munich by which the city will pay 210,000 German marks to cover restitution claims on 13 former Jewish properties.

The Bavarian Party today announced the withdrawal of its motion in the Bavarian state parliament calling for the prohibition of Shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO PRESS FOR RESTITUTION

VIENNA, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The most important task facing this city's newly elected Jewish Community Council is to press for restitution of the property of Austrian Jews, Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Council executive, declared here today.

He added that efforts will also be made to persuade the Austrian authorities to create an heirless Jewish property restitution fund. The community council will fight anti-Semitism and fascism by all legal means, Dr. Maurer said.

TWO POLES DOOMED FOR PARTICIPATING IN MASSACRE OF JEWS

LONDON, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Two Poles, Roman and Vladimir Switenko -- a father and son -- were sentenced to death in Warsaw for participating in a massacre of 6,000 Jews in Southern Poland in 1942, it was reported here today. They were recognized by the only survivor of the massacre, a woman, who testified against them at the trial.

DR. GOLDMANN ADDRESSES STUDENT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who arrived here this week-end, today addressed a meeting of the non-Jewish Association of Students and Academicians on Israel's position in the Middle East. The Zionist Federation here will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its existence with a dinner at which Dr. Goldmann will be the guest of honor.

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TRIAL OF BOYS WHO ATTACKED SYNAGOGUE OPENS IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The trial of three boys charged with attempting to set fire to the B'nai Israel Synagogue here opened this afternoon in Juvenile Court. The three were found guilty by Judge Boyle several weeks ago of tossing a home-made "Molotov cocktail" at the synagogue building. Twelve other boys are to appear before Judge Boyle during the trial, although no specific charges have been lodged against them.

Police Commissioner Gibbons today announced he had doubled the force of the Juvenile Aid Bureau by adding 40 members. The augmented force will start a week-long course in detection and prevention of juvenile crime.

AMERICANS WARNED AGAINST "PATRIOTS" SPREADING RELIGIOUS HATRED

DALLAS, Texas, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- A denunciation of those "who use the pretense of patriotism to spread racial and religious hatreds" and a warning against "the activities of self-appointed vigilantes who seek to impose their own views on the entire community" were voiced at a brotherhood dinner sponsored by the Dallas chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews today by Eric Johnston, general chairman of Brotherhood Week and president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

Mr. Johnston reviewed events of the past 12 months and reported that the cause of brotherhood received serious setbacks in many places. He said the rebirth of the vigilante spirit is a threat to all Americans and not just to racial and religious minorities. "When small groups of fanatics stake unto themselves the right to determine how their fellow men shall live, how they shall worship and where they worship, what movies they shall see, can we feel secure in our individual liberties?" he asked.

U.S. EFFORTS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE HAILED BY Z.O.A. PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The efforts of the United States Government to bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states were hailed today by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, on the eve of his departure for Israel.

"The report simultaneously emanating from a number of Arab countries to the effect that Arab governments, led by Egypt, had indicated their readiness to negotiate their differences directly with Israel, is another manifestation of America's influence being brought to bear in the direction of the pacification of the entire Near Eastern area," the Z.O.A. leader stated.

Mr. Browdy, a member of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, flew to Israel to attend the plenary sessions of the Agency which will open in Jerusalem on March 6 and will continue for about ten days. Commenting on the issues to be discussed by the Agency session in Jerusalem, Mr. Browdy indicated that the meeting "will also have to consider ways and means of mobilizing the resources of the Jews of the United States and other free countries in order to overcome the deepening economic crisis in the State of Israel."

Lauding the economic aid extended by the U.S. Government to Israel, Mr. Browdy said: "The agreement reached a week ago in Tel Aviv between American Ambassador Monett B. Davis and Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett regarding the American \$50,000,000 grant-in-aid is a milestone on the road of American-Israeli friendship."

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ENGEL TO HEAD \$2,500,000 JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL DRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, was named chairman of the campaign for \$2,500,000 which the Joint Defense Appeal will seek to raise this year in New York, it was announced today.

The Joint Defense Appeal is the fund-raising agency for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee. The two organizations seek \$5,000,000 nationally through the J.D.A. to carry on their work of combatting bigotry in 1952. Half of this sum is New York City's goal.

JEWSH CENTERS TO OBSERVE CENTENNIAL OF BIRTH OF YIDDISH WRITER

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The centennial of the birth of Isaac Loeb Peretz, the father of modern Yiddish literature, will be celebrated throughout 1952 by scores of Jewish Community Centers, YWHAs, YMHA's, synagogue-centers and other local agencies and organizations, the National Jewish Welfare Board announced today. The J.W.B. is the national association of Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHAs.

The Centers and other organizations across the nation will mark the centennial with lectures and book reviews of Peretz' works, presentations of the versatile writer's plays, essays and poems, exhibits, Peretz Festivals, folk dance events and other projects and programs. To assist local groups of every age level in their planning and programming of these events, the J.W.B. has prepared a variety of program material.

GUATEMALAN DIPLOMAT TO PARTICIPATE IN U.J.A. NATIONWIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today announced that Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, former head of Guatemala's delegation to the United Nations, who is now visiting Israel to survey the economic need there, will take part in this year's \$151,500,000 nationwide U.J.A. campaign on his return to the United States.

The announcement also said that Ezra Hadda, leader of the Jews of Iraq, whose mass movement to Israel last year was financed by the United Jewish Appeal, is now en route to the United States to visit many of the communities whose support of the U.J.A. made possible the rescue of thousands of Jews from Iraq.

FARBAND CONFERENCE VOTES SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI BOND DRIVE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- The three-day national conference of the Farband, Zionist Labor Order, concluded here last night with a resolution urging each of the 30,000 members of the order to buy at least one Israeli bond. The conference also adopted a resolution pledging full support to the Histadrut campaign in this country.

JEWSH PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$100,000 FOR YESHIVA MEDICAL COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (JTA) -- Israel Rogosin, noted Jewish philanthropist, presented the Yeshiva University with a gift of \$100,000 toward the construction of its non-sectarian medical college which is to be built here at a cost of \$10,000,000, it was announced today by the University.
