

J T A DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC. 231 West 58th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

VOL. XIX No. 46 - 34th year

Thursday, March 6, 1952

U. J. A. - BOND RELATIONS DISCUSSED BY BEN GURION AND GOLDMANN

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, today met with Premier David Ben Gurion and discussed with him plans for improvement of relations between the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive in the United States.

The two also discussed the projected status for the Jewish Agency as well as financial problems arising from the new government economic policy. Another meeting between the Israel Premier and Dr. Goldmann is scheduled to take place within a few days.

The Jewish Agency has completed plans for the establishment of 50 new agricultural settlements during the coming year, it was learned here today. Implementation of the plans depends on the approval by Parliament of the national development budget, which it is expected to consider toward the end of the month.

INDEPENDENCE OF U. J. A. AND J. D. C. BACKED BY JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency does not want the abolition of the United Jewish Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee or other world fundraising institutions, nor does the Agency wish to control them or to pass on their allocations.

This was indicated here today in connection with the statement made several days ago at a press conference by Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Agency's executive. It was emphasized that the statement by Mr. Dobkin regarding "normalization" of fundraising concerns only Israeli institutions.

Due to a typographical error the impression was created that he advocated the idea that only the United Israel Appeal and the Israel bond drive should be unrestricted in their campaigns, whereas what he actually said was that the United Jewish Appeal and the bond drive should be free from any restrictions, it was established here today.

PLENARY SESSION OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE STARTS TODAY

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- A plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive will start here tomorrow to discuss major problems concerning its activities and budget. The session is expected to last about 10 days, it was indicated here today.

3/6/52

ISRAEL GOVT. PRESENTS 168, 450, 000-POUND BUDGET TO PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Government presented its 1952 national budget to Parliament last night. It calls for 168, 450, 000 pounds, as compared with 113, 587, 000 allocated last year.

Parliament, meanwhile, set aside 20 hours for debate on the budget. The debate will be held during the latter part of this month. Meanwhile, representatives of the General Zionist and Mapam Parties have indicated that they will oppose the budget because it places an "almost unbearable" burden on the Israeli people.

Although the budget appears to call for an increase of 48 percent over last year, it was pointed out that the actual increase is only 13 percent--which is about the same increase as is shown in the population figures for the past two years. This year a security budget of 34, 100, 000 pounds is included in the regular budget, in addition to the Ministry of Defense's regular appropriation of 45, 000, 000 pounds. Last year the security budget was kept secret and financed apart from other government expenditures.

The new budget also provides for a luxury and sales tax to provide additional revenue. No provision has been made in this document for the cost of absorbing new immigrants; this will be the subject of another allocation. It was explained in government circles that the budget reflects the government's determination to pass the costs of government on to the Israeli people, rather than depending on foreign loans. This is seen as an anti-inflationary attempt to siphon off excess money in circulation in this country.

The government expects to collect some 47, 000, 000 pounds from income taxes, 22, 000, 000 pounds from luxury tax, 13, 000, 000 pounds from tobacco levies and 11, 000, 000 pounds from fuel imposts. The largest appropriation asked for any department was the Defense Ministry's 45, 000, 000 pounds. Eleven-and-a-half million pounds are requested for education and cultural activities, 8, 000, 000 pounds for the Health Ministry, 5, 000, 000 pounds for the Labor Ministry, while the Welfare Ministry will receive 4, 000, 000 pounds.

The repayment of principal and interest payments on loans will come to 6, 000, 000 pounds, while the government plans to spend 2, 500, 000 pounds on food subsidies.

SPEAKER OF NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT HONORS ISRAEL MINISTER

OSLO, March 5. (JTA) -- Abraham Nissan, Israeli Minister to the Scandinavian countries, was honored here today at a luncheon tendered him by Navig Petersen, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament.

At the luncheon Sven Nielsen, chairman of a delegation of members of Parliament who visited Israel last year, spoke glowingly of his experiences in the Jewish State. Later, Minister Nissan was received by Premier Oskar Torp and by senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

MAPAM DISSIDENTS GET STATUS OF SEPARATE PARTY IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament's Rules Committee today decided to give the status of a separate party to deputies David Lifshitz and Hanna Lamdan, who broke with the Mapam Party last month. They will continue to hold their seats on all committees.

TRUMAN PROMISES TO ATTEND J. N. F. DINNER; RECEIVES DELEGATION

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- President Truman today promised a delegation of Jewish National Fund leaders who visited the White House that he would address a dinner to be held at the Hotel Statler in Washington on May 26, marking the completion of the J. N. F. project for the establishment in Israel of Kfar Truman.

The delegation included Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, national honorary chairman of the Kfar Truman Committee; Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund; Milton Kronheim, Washington chairman of the Kfar Truman project, and Rep. Abraham J. Multer of New York. A report was made to the President on the progress made in the establishment of the village bearing his name, which is located near the Lydda airport.

Mr. Truman, after expressing deep satisfaction with the achievements of the J. N. F., said he was looking forward to a time when he will be able to visit Kfar Truman. Vice-President Barkley, as a member of the delegation, announced that more than \$250,000 has been raised throughout the United States through popular subscriptions in which thousands of school children participated. The delegates told Mr. Truman that Kfar Truman now has 180 settlers, all veterans of the Palmach. The delegation issued the following statement after leaving the President's office:

"Our thanks go out to the President of the United States for the warm reception extended to us and for his gracious acceptance of our invitation to personally participate in the ceremony marking the completion of the J. N. F. project for the establishment of a village in Israel bearing his name. We thought it fitting and proper that the name of President Truman who, among all the heads of governments on earth, was the first to recognize the State of Israel, be associated forever with the ancient land and the ancient people of Israel.

"In this way, we hope, future generations may come to know of President Truman's splendid leadership and the magnificent support given by him and the American people during the period of Israel's crucial struggle for independence. The testimonial dinner on May 26th will serve as another manifestation of the high esteem and affection in which the Jews of America and the people of Israel hold President Truman, thus helping to forge another link in the friendship and understanding between the United States and the State of Israel."

JERUSALEM'S MAYOR ARRIVES IN NEW YORK ON THREE-FOLD MISSION

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Jerusalem's Mayor S. Z. Shragai arrived here today by plane from Israel and was greeted at Idlewild Airport by special representatives of Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, of the Israel consulate, the Jewish Agency, and rabbinical and Orthodox groups. He was taken to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, where he will stay during his visit to New York, in a motorcade escorted by 20 motorcycle policemen.

At a press conference later in the day, Mayor Shragai outlined the three basic reasons for his visit to this country: to invite American Jews and non-Jews to attend Jerusalem's celebration of its 3,000th anniversary this year; to repay the courtesy call Mayor Impellitteri paid to Jerusalem; and, to tour the United States in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. He also outlined in detail his city's plans for the 3,000th anniversary celebration.

3/6/52

BRITISH RESTITUTION COURT IN GERMANY RULES AGAINST JEWISH CLAIMS

DUSSELDORF, March 5. (JTA) -- The British Board of Review, highest restitution court in the British zone of Germany, today ruled that German Jews who paid the discriminatory tax imposed on Jews by the Nazi regime in 1938 are not entitled to claim restitution for the amount of the tax.

The ruling was handed down on a claim for restitution brought on behalf of Jews who now reside outside of Germany. The tax was one of many discriminatory measures against the Jews which followed the Nazi pogroms of November 9-10, 1938.

WITNESS AT NAZI TRIAL DESCRIBES TORTURES OF JEWS IN "PHANTOM TRAINS"

NUREMBERG, March 5. (JTA) -- The tortures suffered by Rumanian Jews done to death in "phantom trains" during the war were described here today by a witness at the trial of Franz Rademacher, former official of the Nazi Foreign Office, who is on trial on charges of responsibility in the deportation and death of thousands of Jews in Central Europe.

The witness related how thousands of Rumanian Jews were stripped of all clothes and herded into long freight trains, regardless of age or sex. The unheated trains were shunted up and down the length of the Rumanian rail system until all the imprisoned Jews died of starvation or exposure.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY DISCUSSES QUESTIONS ON GERMANY

PARIS, March 5. (JTA) -- Questions on Germany ranked high among the topics discussed by the World Jewish Congress European executive which concluded its two-day meeting here last night, it was reported today in a communique issued by the Congress.

The communique said that the executive heard reports on the preparations which are now being made for Jewish restitution talks with Germany, scheduled to start on March 17 in Brussels. Reports were also presented on the present position of the Jewish communities in North Africa. The W.J.C. leaders decided to watch the situation in North Africa closely in view of the anti-Jewish tendencies there.

The French and British sections of the World Jewish Congress are seeking international supervision of all Jewish graves in Germany on the grounds that no German Government can be expected to guard or preserve them, it was revealed last night.

EX-NAZI GENERAL CHARGED WITH ATROCITIES LEAVES U.S. FOR ARGENTINA

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter P. Schreiber, an ex-Nazi general who was employed by the U.S. Air Force until last week, has made arrangements to go to Argentina, it was learned today. He will be employed by an industrial firm in Argentina.

The Air Force refused to renew Dr. Schreiber's contract as an employe of the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas, after reports were published charging him with complicity in Nazi medical atrocities.

J. D. C. GIVES EMERGENCY AID TO 3,000 JEWS IN TUNISIA

PARIS, March 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is making emergency cash grants to some 3,000 Tunisian Jews who are in immediate need as a result of economic dislocations caused by the recent anti-French riots and strikes in that country, the J. D. C. announced here today. Half of the recipients of the emergency grants live in Tunis and the remainder are in small communities scattered throughout the North African country.

The emergency grants will total 1,800,000 francs a month, the J. D. C. said. This will be in addition to the regular J. D. C. assistance program in Tunisia which costs 9,500,000 francs monthly. Part of the emergency funds will go to Jews whose businesses were wrecked by Arab mobs. The organization also reported today that its regular program has been functioning despite the outbreaks of violence.

WASHINGTON OFFICIAL TESTIFIES ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- Evidence of discrimination against Jews in the hiring of workers for American overseas projects in Moslem countries was revealed today in testimony published by a Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Edward L. Keenan, Deputy Director of the N.Y. Bureau of Employment Security of the Department of Labor, testified on the recruitment of American workers for overseas contracts. "We have had a couple of unsatisfactory experiences in New York where they took some people through private agencies instead of from the free public employment service," he said. "The contractor had a contract in Arabian country and he did not want Jewish people and we told him that New York had an anti-discrimination law and he stopped his order with us and hired through private employment agencies."

MOVEMENT OF REFUGEE JEWS TO ISRAEL WILL GROW, WARBURG SAYS

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The movement to Israel of Jews from Eastern Europe and the Moslem world may attain "exodus proportions" this spring as seasonal thaws in those parts of the world make the travel of refugees to the new state easier following the long winter lull, Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, warned today as he left New York on a seven-day coast-to-coast trip to launch U. J. A. campaign activity in seven of the country's largest cities.

Mr. Warburg, who, beginning tonight, started visits to New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Oakland, declared that "this potential floodtide of immigration may engulf Israel and materially worsen her already serious economic plight unless American Jews stand ready to ease the new state's burden."

The U. J. A. general chairman stressed in this connection that "immigration to Israel in the last four years exceeded all expectations with the arrival there of 700,000 homeless Jews since May, 1948," and this year shows signs of being no exception. He urged American Jews "not to wait until a new emergency arises and flowers into a crisis" but to give the United Jewish Appeal a minimum of \$50,000,000 in cash by no later than June 30th.

Mr. Warburg warned that "failure by American Jews to assist Israel in receiving and absorbing its continued influx of homeless refugees can result in a setback to her struggle for economic independence." He stressed that the \$50,000,000 minimum cash fund must become available to the United Jewish Appeal between now and the end of June to assure uninterrupted financing of the reception and initial settlement of the new state's mass stream of immigrants.

DETROIT JEWISH FEDERATION SCORES VICTORY OVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DETROIT, March 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Federation here last night scored a complete victory in its battle with the Jewish Community Council by defeating a Council-sponsored amendment which would have given the Council the right to allocate its own funds without examination and by electing the entire slate of candidates proposed by its nominating committee.

A total of 1,012 votes were cast and of this number 397 voted in support of the Council's amendment which would have required a two-thirds vote for adoption. There were four candidates nominated by petition and the highest vote secured by the most popular of them was 200 votes below the Federation candidate lowest on the list. A two-hour debate was conducted on the amendment, with time equally divided between both factions.

CLEVELAND YIDDISH NEWSPAPER CEASES PUBLICATION; EXISTED SINCE 1907

CLEVELAND, March 5. (JTA) -- The "Jewish World," established as a Yiddish daily newspaper here in 1907 and converted several years ago into a weekly publication, published its farewell edition this week. It was the only Yiddish publication in Cleveland.

Paying tribute to the role played by the newspaper in Cleveland's Jewish life, the Jewish Review and Observer, local English-Jewish weekly publication, emphasizes in an editorial that "in the decades of its existence, the Jewish World had served the Jewish community of Cleveland ably and well."

NEW YORK CHOOSES QUEEN ESTHER; CONTEST SPONSORED BY BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Sonia Kanciper, a 22-year-old post-graduate student at Hunter College, was yesterday chosen New York's Queen Esther of 1952 in a beauty contest of representatives of colleges and Jewish youth groups in the metropolitan area. The contest was sponsored by the New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Miss Kanciper, a member of Farband, the Labor Zionist order, will receive a free trip to Israel this summer as her prize. She will be crowned March 17 in Madison Square Garden at a Purim Festival, also sponsored by the local Israel bond committee.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION SENDS LORD SAMUEL TO U.S.

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- Viscount Samuel, first British High Commissioner for Palestine, is sailing for the United States tomorrow on business connected with the Palestine Electric Corporation, it was learned here today. During his stay in the U.S., Lord Samuel will receive honorary degrees from Brandeis University and Dropsie College.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE DECIDES TO BUILD HOME FOR NEWCOMERS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal order in the United States, today decided to build a home in Israel for newcomers who have no families. The decision was taken at a conference of 300 delegates of the order convoked by the United Jewish Appeal. The house will be built in the vicinity of Tel Aviv and will be named "The Workmen's Circle Home."

- - -