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\$39,000,000 IN CASH ALREADY RAISED BY U. J. A., WARBURG REPORTS

CHICAGO, May 25. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal has raised \$39,000,000 in cash during the first five months of this year, it was announced here today by Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the U. J. A., at the closing session of the two-day National Mobilization Conference of the agency.

The conference, attended by 500 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country, was also told by Mr. Warburg that in response to the U. J. A. urgent call to the communities to raise a minimum of \$10,000,000 in cash during the month of May, the communities raised the record sum of \$12,000,000.

Mr. Warburg described the \$39,000,000 in cash raised thus far in the 1952 drive as "a magnificent outpouring of generosity" by American Jews. "They are showing that they cannot stand by idly while Israel struggles in economic hardship and while hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in Eastern Europe and Moslem countries live in fear of their lives," he stated. The conference delegates unanimously adopted a resolution pledging "tireless and vigorous efforts to maintain and increase the flow of cash to the United Jewish Appeal."

Sharett and Eban Appeal to U. S. Jews for More Aid to Israel

Addressing the final session of the conference, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban reiterated a plea made last night at the parley by Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in which he called upon American Jewry to give the maximum financial assistance to Israel in order to help the state win economic security.

Mr. Eban emphasized Israel's unique position as a democracy in the Middle East, asserting that the fact of its existence as a democratic state must "not be viewed in American or in Western terms, but in terms of the area in which the institution of democracy has been planted--an area surrounded by nothing but despotism, by absolute monarchism, by feudal and corrupt republics."

The Ambassador reminded the U. J. A. conferees of Israel's bitter struggle to achieve a modern economy while absorbing 700,000 new immigrants who have doubled the state's initial population. "The astonishing thing," he said, "is not that we have accomplished this unique process of absorption to the accompaniment of much hardship and tension - the miracle is that this feat has been accomplished at all."

Foreign Minister Sharett described the serious shortage of funds which forced Israel to adopt a "makeshift method" of economic existence. He said the lack of

funds is retarding full development of Israel's agricultural potential and "epoch-making discoveries of mineral wealth."

Mr. Sharett forecast a "rich industrial and commercial future for the whole of Israel "provided the U. J. A. and other sources succeed in raising many more millions of dollars in a "selfless, farsighted and creative assistance" for the new state. At the same time, he expressed the belief that Israel's mineral discoveries "will in all probability," sooner or later, include the discovery of oil.

Israel's economic future "is only a question of funds," Mr. Sharett said, adding that in other respects the new state is richly endowed with people, knowledge, determination and physical assets. He cited as an example of makeshift efforts forced on Israel the procedure by which the new state achieved its recent bumper grain crop in the almost unsettled Negev.

Reporting that the Israel Government found it necessary to temporarily enlist hundreds of veteran farmers, bringing them to the Negev to sow and reap 175,000 acres of barley and wheat, he pointed out that had adequate funds been available for Negev colonization by new immigrants, this vast agricultural operation would have been unnecessary. "Only a greatly increased local population will permanently fill the Negev vacuum and help Israel to live and prosper," he stated.

U. J. A. Agencies Spent \$45,244,000 Since January; \$37,000,000 in Israel

Mr. Warburg, in an interim report on U. J. A. expenditures, notably in Israel, said that the agencies of the U. J. A. -- the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and United Service for New Americans -- spent a total of \$45,244,000 since January 1st to save, resettle and rehabilitate 537,000 men, women and children. Of this sum, nearly \$37,000,000 was spent in Israel alone to provide for the settlement, housing and welfare of the 310,000 immigrants.

Mr. Warburg said the \$37,000,000 spent in Israel in the first five months of 1952 brings to nearly \$300,000,000 the total of U. J. A. funds made available to Israel since its establishment four years ago. Other speakers included Rudolf Sonnenborn, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, and Moses Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Chief among the outstanding checks presented at the conference today were by the following Jewish communities: New York, \$2,200,000; Chicago, \$1,405,000; Los Angeles, \$1,000,000; Detroit, \$1,000,000; Philadelphia, \$500,000; Washington, D. C., \$500,000; and, San Francisco, \$350,000.

ISRAEL-GERMAN TALKS DISCUSSED BY SHARETT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett discussed the Israel-German reparations talks "briefly" with Burton Y. Berry, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, last Friday, it was reported today.

Mr. Sharett told reporters here Friday that he approved of an editorial in the New York Times on the reparations question. The editorial said that Mr. Sharett's appeal to world opinion for moral pressure on Germany to discharge its debt for the crimes committed by the Hitler regime against the Jews "will undoubtedly find a sympathetic response." At the same time, it pointed out that the differences between Israel and Germany on the acknowledged Israeli claims do not look insuperable. "Given goodwill on both sides it should be possible to reach compromises on both the final sum and the methods of paying it," the editorial said.

BONN GOVERNMENT ASKED TO MAKE "SUBSTANTIAL" OFFER TO ISRAEL

BONN, May 25. (JTA) -- The West German Government was severely criticized here today for its failure to present a concrete proposal on reparations to Israel and to Jewish communities in other countries.

Fear that a collapse of the reparations talks would have unfavorable effects on German prestige abroad, were expressed by Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the Social Democratic Party. He urged immediate action by the government to offer a "substantial" amount to Israel.

Dr. Adolf Arndt, an opposition leader, charged that the government parties were trying to sabotage the reparations talks at The Hague. He complained that he had repeatedly attempted to have reparations items included in the new budget but had been defeated in the Bundestag committee by Dr. Fritz Schaeffer, the Finance Minister.

The basic cleavage between Hermann Abs, head of the German mission at the London international conference on Germany's external debts, and Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the delegation negotiating a reparations settlement, which led to the resignation of Boehm and his deputy chairman, Dr. Otto Kuester, was clarified today.

Dr. Abs, it was disclosed, took the position that no concrete offer to Israel was possible before the end of the London conference as, only then, could the total German ability to pay be assessed. Dr. Schaeffer supported Dr. Abs in this stand and insisted that the West German Republic could make its binding overall offer to Israel only after the question of payment on Germany's external debts had been settled. He also pointed out that the question of reparations payments had not been considered when plans for Germany's defense and remilitarization had been drafted.

(In London, The Recorder, newspaper published in the financial district, reported that there was little chance of the London conference coming to an agreement during its current session. The paper said participants in the conference believe that proposals by Dr. Abs for payment of Germany's commercial debts will be "quite unacceptable" to her creditors.)

Dr. Boehm took the stand that there is no connection between the London conference and the parleys at The Hague between Germany and the Israeli and Jewish delegations on reparations. He points out that Israel's claims would be settled mainly by payments in kind rather than in foreign exchange. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has himself admitted the moral priority of Israel's claims.

BAVARIAN JUSTICE MINISTER'S OUSTER DEMANDED IN AUERBACH CASE

MUNICH, May 25. (JTA) -- Hans Ehard, Minister-President of Bavaria, this week-end demanded the resignation of his Minister of Justice, Dr. Josef Mueller, because the latter has refused to testify how much money he received from Rabbi Aaron Ohrenstein, who is now on trial together with Philip Auerbach, one-time Restitution Commissioner for Bavaria, on charges of having defrauded the state of over \$714,000 in making payments on false restitution claims.

President Ehard has also stated that unless Dr. Mueller resigns, he will oust him. The Justice Minister was fined 500 deutschemarks for refusing to tell a parliamentary committee how much Rabbi Ohrenstein gave him two years ago for "political and charitable purposes."

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER KAPLAN SUBMITS RESIGNATION TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan formally submitted his resignation to the Israeli Cabinet at a meeting of that body today. Mr. Kaplan, who will retain his post until a successor is appointed, denied rumors that his resignation was a matter of politics.

The Cabinet today authorized Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to take measures to bring about co-ordination between the Israel Bond Drive in the United States and the United Jewish Appeal. A special Ministerial committee was established to plan a railroad spur to Beersheba and was instructed to present its final plans for approval by the Cabinet within two weeks.

Finally, the Cabinet heard a report on the political situation and named a committee consisting of the Premier, and Ministers of Justice and Interior to reconsider an amendment to the laws governing the press. The amendment had been protested by newspaper editors as a bar to freedom of the press.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE CONFERS WITH ISRAEL PREMIER

TEL AVIV, May 25. (JTA) -- Henry Byroade, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, today conferred with Premier David Ben Gurion here, after spending a day in Jerusalem yesterday.

While in Jerusalem, which he entered from the Arab-held Old City, Secretary Byroade called on Director General Walter Eytan of the Israel Foreign Office and indicated that he would shortly hold a political conversation with the representatives of the Israel Government on "current affairs." According to well-informed sources, the conversation concentrated on American aid to Israel. Mr. Byroade also paid a call to Israel Minister of Finance Eliezer Kaplan.

ISRAEL ALLOCATION UNSCATHED IN HOUSE SLASH OF FOREIGN AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Despite drastic cuts in the Administration's foreign aid program in the House of Representatives last Friday two attempts to slash the proposed assistance for Israel were beaten off and the program still requests \$76,000,000 for Jewish refugees in Israel.

An amendment introduced by Rep. Thurmond Chatham, of North Carolina, which would have cut Israel's allocation to \$50,000,000 was decisively defeated by a vote of 103 to 66. A substitute amendment, introduced by Rep. Walter H. Judd, of Minnesota, would have reduced the Israel allocation to \$65,000,000. It was rejected by a voice vote. Rep. Chatham led the campaign to reduce aid for Israel, claiming that the proposed amount of aid would be unfair to the Arabs.

Friends of Israel in the Lower House insisted on aid to Israel as a political and potential military ally. These included Representatives Daniel Flood of Pennsylvania, Clement J. Zablocki of Wisconsin, Melvin Price of Illinois, Jacob Javits of New York, Abraham J. Multer of New York, James C. Auchincloss of New Jersey and House Majority Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts. Reps. Emanuel Celler and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., stressed Israel's role as a democratic nation in the Middle East region.

ISRAEL AND U. N. SIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 25. (JTA) -- A special agreement between the Government of Israel and the Technical Assistance Administration was signed this week-end. It covers the appointment of Sune L. Carlson of Sweden as United Nations resident technical assistance representative in Israel.

RUSSIAN EMIGRE GROUPS REVEALED AS ANTI-SEMITIC; RECEIVE U.S. AID

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- A strong anti-Semitic and anti-democratic bias is revealed in the statements and publications of major groups of Russian emigres, who are now receiving substantial American support as potential allies of the United States in the struggle against Soviet Communism, according to a study of these groups just issued by the World Jewish Congress.

The study, conducted by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the W. J. C., analyzes the attitude of four major groups of recent Russian expatriates, active in the U. S. and in Europe, toward the Jewish problem, as a "touchstone" for testing their political views. The groups analyzed, made up of German DP camp inmates, former German slave laborers and war prisoners, deserters from the Russian army and the children of Russian emigres of the revolutionary period, are the "Solidarists," also known as the National Labor Union of the New Generation; members of the All-National Sovereign State Movement; followers of the late Lt. Gen. Andrei Vlassov, who led a Russian legion in Hitler's armies, and Ukrainian nationalist groups.

In releasing the study, Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs, declared: "The unquestionable anti-Semitism of these Russian emigre groups is an excellent indication of their general anti-democratic and pro-fascist orientation. They are unfit allies for the United States in the titanic world-wide struggle to preserve democracy against totalitarian pressures, and the support, official, unofficial and semi-official, which they receive from the United States only serves to confuse our true allies among the democratic peoples of the world."

LIBERAL SENATORS PLEDGE TO CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST MCCARRAN BILL

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Liberal members of the U.S. Senate, led by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, today pledged to continue their efforts against the McCarran Omnibus Immigration Bill which was passed by the Senate last week. President Truman is expected to veto the bill which Jewish and liberal groups denounced as "racist" and discriminatory.

"We shall never give up the fight against such proposals as the McCarran Bill with its overtones of discrimination and prejudice," Sen. Lehman said. Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota called on the public to urge a Presidential veto. "I hope and pray" that Truman vetoes the measure, he declared. The bill will first go to a Senate-House conference and then to the President.

The American Council for Judaism, in a letter to President Truman, urged him to do everything in his power to prevent enactment of the McCarran immigration bill. The President was asked instead to encourage the adoption of "some such liberal immigration policy as that formulated in the Humphrey-Lehman bill."

Veto of the bill was also urged on President Truman by leading American newspapers. The New York Herald Tribune, in an editorial said that Mr. Truman "would be justified" in vetoing the measure. The New York Times, in a scathing denunciation of the McCarran bill, said "it deserves the veto which it will probably receive."

PERON INSTRUCTS AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT YIDDISH SPEECHES AT MEETINGS

BUENOS AIRES, May 25. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron this week-end instructed Argentine Interior Minister Angel Borlenghi to permit speakers at Jewish meetings in this country to address the audience in Yiddish if the speakers cannot speak Spanish. The instructions followed a visit by Dr. Henry Shoshkes, HIAS representative, to the President, during which he complained that he and other speakers were prevented from addressing a meeting here last week-end because they could not speak Spanish.

