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U. J. A. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; WILL SEEK \$119, 921, 150 FOR 1954

NEW York, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- More than 1, 200 outstanding Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country gathered here today for the three-day annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which starts tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The delegates will set the UJA goal for 1954 and evaluate the results of the 1953 campaign. They will hear special reports on the recent economic meeting held in Jerusalem between leaders of American and overseas Jewish communities and the leaders of Israel.

At the opening session tomorrow budgets for the coming year amounting to \$119, 921, 150 will be presented by the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and the United Service for New Americans--the three constituent agencies of the UJA. Of this sum, about 86 percent is earmarked for work in Israel.

Principal speakers at the conference will include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban, Governor John S. Fine of Pennsylvania, Jewish Agency chairman Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Washington economist Leon Keyserling, UJA national chairman Edward M. M. Warburg, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, and other noted personalities.

200 HEBREW UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES GO ON 24-HOUR STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Two hundred workers in the scientific installations of the Hebrew University here went on a 24-hour strike today in protest against the failure of the University to meet its November payroll. Although instructors and professors are not on strike, a number of them stayed away from their classrooms today in sympathy with the strikers.

The executive of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, last night decided to demand basic salary increases for all workers, as well as continued payment of cost of living allowances. The executive decided that it would not agree to a demand by the Israel Manufacturers Association that the present cost of living allowances be discontinued.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR SHORT REST ON DOCTOR'S ORDERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- President Ben Zvi left today for a 10-day rest at Tiberias, on orders of his doctor. While he is there he will receive the new Italian Minister to Israel and Acting Premier Moshe Sharett, who will report on the progress of negotiations for a new Cabinet.

J. D. C. ADOPTS "MINIMUM BUDGET" OF \$26,186,000 FOR 1954

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, at its 39th annual conference here today, adopted a 1954 "minimum budget" of \$26,186,000 for its relief, resettlement and rehabilitation activities in 20 countries of Europe, North Africa and the Near East, including Israel. The figure represents an increase of \$4,000,000 over 1953 expenditures by the agency.

Nearly one-half of the budget will be spent in JDC operations in Israel, including the work of Malben, the welfare program in behalf of the aged, ill and handicapped in the Jewish State. The 500 delegates unanimously pledged full support to the 1954 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, which provides the funds for JDC operations.

Edward M. M. Warburg was re-elected JDC chairman, Moses A. Leavitt was re-elected executive vice-chairman. Dr. Joseph Schwartz and Moses W. Beckelman were re-elected director-generals. Dr. Schwartz was also granted an extension of his leave of absence from his JDC post to permit him to continue serving as executive vice-chairman of the UJA.

Addressing the delegates, Mayor-elect Robert F. Wagner sharply criticized the McCarran-Walter Act as "an ugly monument to the theories of racism and isolationism," erected by "hysteria and know-nothingism." The omnibus immigration law, Mr. Wagner said, "makes a mockery of our great tradition of hospitality to the oppressed and anguished." Pointing out that he is the son of an immigrant, he declared "the concept of second-class citizenship" embodied in the law "violates our fondest boast--the equality of all Americans before the law."

Mr. Wagner said he was most impressed with JDC's emigration assistance activities. "As Mayor-elect of a city whose citizenry is made up so largely of the foreign-born and their children, I can readily appreciate how much your aid has meant to those who sought to find new homes in free lands, and who needed your helping hand to do so," he said.

Warburg Lauds American Jewry for Generous Aid

Mr. Warburg, who recently returned from Europe and Israel where he learned first-hand the needs of overseas Jews, reported "we have won some notable skirmishes" in the fight for recovery and rehabilitation. But "the battle must yet continue," he observed. "There should no longer be Jews living on the edge of a volcano, helplessly waiting for a sudden turn in world events which may cause the volcano to erupt--but there are."

The JDC chairman paid tribute to the American Jewish community which "already has given much, particularly to the United Jewish Appeal, for the rescue of hundreds of thousands." He called upon them to contribute even more, however, because "only in that way may we some day reach the happy end of the road."

Mr. Leavitt reported that JDC expenditures exceeded \$22,000,000 in 1953 and provided aid for some 160,000 persons in 20 countries on four continents. In Israel, Mr. Leavitt announced, JDC's welfare agency, Malben, aided some 25,000 persons through its network of 100 old-age homes, custodial care centers, hospitals, sanitariums, clinics, sheltered workshops and other installations, as well as through outpatient clinics, rehabilitation loans and other forms of reconstruction aid.

In contrast to the "continuing and heartening progress" in Israel and the Moslem lands, Mr. Leavitt pointed to Europe "where we came face to face with the realization that here only a long-term program of aid could continue to advance Jewish

survivors towards a peaceful and prosperous future. It is a tragedy compounded because so many are so-called 'hard core' cases and their dependents to whom nearly all avenues of emigration had hitherto been barred and who, because of illness, disability, old age or physical handicaps, find themselves unable to earn their own livelihoods, unable to survive without outside economic assistance," he said.

Mr. Beckelman, director-general for JDC overseas operations, told the delegates that among those urgently requiring JDC aid in 1954 will be: About 30,000 in Europe, including thousands of "hard-core" cases and their dependents; nearly 100,000 of the 578,000 Jews in the Moslem world, who must continue to receive extensive feeding aid, medical care, vocational training and educational aid; some 35,000 persons in Israel who must be given institutional care and reconstruction aid, vocational training and cultural, religious and educational assistance.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT REMOVES BAN ON FILM ABOUT HITLER'S LIFE

BONN, Dec. 10. (JTA) --The West German Federal and state governments in effect removed the ban on public showings of the film "Until Five Minutes Past Twelve," about Hitler's life and regime, at a meeting here yesterday.

Present at the meeting were the Ministers of Interior of the Federal Republic and the nine constituent states, who on November 30 imposed the prohibition, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and several members of his Cabinet.

At yesterday's session, the Ministers reversed themselves and decided that the film was "inoffensive" and could not possibly lead to any public disturbance, nor would it damage Germany's prestige abroad. The decision on licensing the film for showing was left to each state. Before the meeting several of the state Ministers of Interior had indicated that they favored removal of the ban. Hamburg disregarded the ban from the beginning.

It is generally believed here that a draft law prepared by the Federal Minister of Interior which would have permitted the banning of films, books, newspapers and other publications which might be useful in the reviving of Nazism will now be dropped.

RUSSIA REPORTED PERMITTING 15 JEWS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Fifteen Russian Jews have been granted exit visas from the USSR and are expected to arrive in Israel soon, the evening newspaper Yedioth Achronoth reported here last night. There has been no official confirmation of the report.

The report said that the 15, all of whom have relatives in Israel and asked permission to come here to be reunited with their families, are between the ages of 40 and 80. The newspaper pointed out that this is the first time Russian Jews allowed to come to Israel have been of middle age, the only three others to arrive being over 80. The report also stated that other Jews who applied for exit visas have been told that their applications are still under consideration.

TWO JEWISH SCIENTISTS RECEIVE 1953 NOBEL PRIZE IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Two Jewish scientists were among the winners of the 1953 Nobel Prize who today received their awards at a ceremony at Concert Hall here. They were Prof. Hans Adolph Krebs of Sheffield University, England, and Prof. Fritz Albert Lipmann of Harvard University Medical School. Both were honored for their work in medicine. Both fled the Nazi regime in Germany.

ISRAEL SEEKS NO REPARATIONS FROM AUSTRIA, CONSUL ANNOUNCES

VIENNA, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Consulate here issued a statement today making it clear that the Israel Government seeks no reparations from Austria. The statement was issued in connection with the recent speech by the Finance Minister Reinhardt Kamnitz in the Austrian Parliament in which he referred to Israel's attitude towards the claims presented to the Austrian Government by World Jewish groups for damages suffered by Jews under the Nazi regime in Austria.

The Israel Consulate statement said: "The Foreign Minister of Israel declared on November 11, 1952, that Israel has raised no claims with Austria for reparations similar to those with Germany. This statement, however, did not say that Israel has renounced the claims and rights due its citizens from Austria on the basis of individual compensation. Israel, furthermore, on that occasion, emphasized its readiness to support the claims of the world Jewish organizations on compensation and heirless and unclaimed Jewish property in Austria."

ZIONIST LEADER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Erno Osher, a Zionist leader in Bratislava, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by a Czechoslovak court, the newspaper Davar reported today on the basis of information from Rumania.

In another dispatch, from Hungary, Davar said that two Zionist leaders, Dr. Bella Denesh and Dr. Henric Galosh, are facing trial by a military court. The report said that several months ago Dr. Denesh completed a three-year prison sentence, but was immediately taken into custody and is now awaiting trial.

LEBANON REFUSES TO PERMIT ENTRY OF TURKISH-JEWS AS TOURISTS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Lebanon has refused to permit Turkish Jews to enter the country as part of a "tourist crusade" which is expected to bring thousands of Turkish nationals into various countries in the Middle East, it was learned here today.

Previously, Egypt gave permission for Turkish Jews associated with the tour to enter the country for a visit. Many Jews had shown an interest in the trip because they could have thus visited relatives and friends in the Arab states.

The Turkish tourist association which is organizing the tour has informed those of its hostesses who are Jewish that the Lebanese ban will prevent their employment on this operation.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET IN JERUSALEM THIS MONTH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee has been called into session here beginning December 24, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today. The plenary meeting will last eight days. It will be preceded by a plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive which will get under way here December 20.

EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR CONFERS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein participated in a lengthy meeting at the State Department today with Secretary John Foster Dulles and Assistant Secretary Henry A. Byroade. At the completion of the meeting he left by Mr. Dulles' rear door to prevent being questioned by the press.

EISENHOWER PROCLAMATION STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly was observed today with official government ceremonies in many countries throughout the world, according to reports received by the U. N. headquarters here.

In the United States, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a proclamation stating: "For the people of the United States as well as for people everywhere, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a significant beacon in the steady march towards achieving human rights and fundamental freedoms for all."

The United Nations marked the fifth anniversary by issuance of a commemorative stamp depicting the aspirations of mankind toward human rights. The design shows two hands reaching toward a flame which is encircled by the words "Human Rights" in the five UN official languages. Human Rights Day programs, including interviews with the heads of a number of national delegations, were broadcast in UN radio's 25 languages to countries in Europe, the Middle East, the Far East, the South Pacific and Latin America.

(In Washington, B'nai B'rith president Philip Klutznick issued a statement urging the development of "positive measures" to protect human rights, including international action programs by the United Nations.)

INDIANAPOLIS NEWSPAPERS BAN ADS EXPRESSING DISCRIMINATION

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The three newspapers of this city, the Star, News and Times, announced agreement here to extend full cooperation to the Indiana Fair Employment Practices Commission by prohibiting acceptance of employment advertisements expressing discrimination as to race, color or religion. The newspapers have made written policy statements of their position to the commission.

Previously, following complaints by the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, the News and Star had banned all classified advertising which was discriminatory to the Jewish people.

MAILING OF ANTI-JEWISH PAMPHLETS DISCUSSED IN CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The question of the use of the franking privilege for the mailing of anti-Semitic pamphlets from the office of a Social Credit Member of Parliament was again raised in Parliament.

In reply to a query, Secretary of State John W. Pickersgill said it was not illegal to send pamphlets through the mail. The question is, he added, whether the franking privilege was used without the deputy's permission, and if so, what action, if any, the deputy wants to take.

J. H. Blackmore, Social Credit deputy for Lethbridge, Alberta, speaking at a press conference later, defended the action of his secretary in mailing the pamphlets. He praised his secretary for her "faithful" service, and indicated he plans to take no action against her. He also said that he does not intend to withdraw his franking privilege from her.

DROP IN JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO CANADA REPORTED; 2, 826 ADMITTED

MONTREAL, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish immigrants admitted to Canada in the first nine months of 1953 decreased by 27 percent as compared with the Jewish immigrants admitted in the same period of 1952, the statistics bureau of the Canadian Jewish Congress revealed today.

A total of 2, 826 Jews were admitted from January 1, 1953 to September 30, 1953, while 3, 894 arrived in the corresponding period last year. While Jewish immigration dropped 27 percent, general immigration declined 8 percent, but German immigrants increased by 16 percent. This September, 156 Jews were admitted as against 367 in September, 1952.

DETROIT TELEVISION STATION APOLOGIZES TO JEWS FOR CARTOON

DETROIT, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Complaints by Jewish viewers about a cartoon shown on Detroit's television station WXYZ-TV has brought an apology from the station, which has halted further showings of the cartoon.

Jewish viewers communicated with the Detroit Jewish Community Council, which immediately transmitted the complaints to the station. The Council has advised affiliated community agencies and national groups of the development, in an effort to forestall the showing of the film in other communities. The objectionable cartoon was part of the "Little King" series.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHALLENGES GERMANY ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The West German Government was challenged last night to "implement a broad and intensive campaign to exorcize the devil of anti-Semitism from the soul of Germany" as opposed to its present "fragmentary and politically motivated efforts in this direction."

The challenge was voiced by Dr. Norman Salit, president of the Synagogue Council of America, who returned several weeks ago from Germany following a month-long study of the religious and communal life of the Jewish community there. Dr. Salit, whose mission to Germany was made under the official auspices of the Bonn Government, spoke at the Jewish Center here, at ceremonies marking the official installation of Synagogue Council officers.

HADASSAH TO CONSTRUCT ITS OWN BUILDING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Hadassah today announced that it had acquired five brownstone buildings in midtown Manhattan in preparation for the construction of a modern air-conditioned building which will serve as the permanent national headquarters of the 300, 000-member women's Zionist organization. The cost of construction of the new building is estimated at \$500, 000; the purchase price of the five buildings it will replace was \$350, 000.

ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF EDUCATION HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Members of the Cabinet, headed by Acting Premier Moshe Sharett, joined leaders in the academic world last night to pay tribute to Prof. Ben Zion Dinur, Minister of Education, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Mr. Sharett expressed warm appreciation of his colleague's contribution to the government.

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