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## ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPENS; PRIORITY FOR ISRAEL URGED

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A powerful appeal to the Jewish communities of the United States to consider the United Jewish Appeal as "priority No. 1" in order to strengthen Israel and to help the emigration of Jews from Morocco was made here today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, addressing the opening session of the four-day General Assembly of the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Speaking before more than 500 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada, Dr. Schwartz--who returned this week from a tour of Israel and Europe--gave the delegates a first-hand account of current developments in the Jewish State and in other overseas areas. He said that the next five years will be crucial for Israel from the point of view of enabling it to become firmly established as a viable state and economy, assuring its ability to absorb hundreds of thousands of Jews in distress areas "who look to it as a beacon of hope and haven."

"Certainly strengthening Israel should constitute 'priority No. 1' for the American community for its years immediately ahead," Dr. Schwartz emphasized. "This is especially true since the period of 1948 to 1954 saw a majority of pressing local problems and building programs met. The order of the day must be: more giving in 1955, and greater support for Israel to speed the young state on the road to full economic self-sufficiency and independence."

### Dr. Schwartz Outlines Israel's Present-Day Problems

The UJA leader urged the American Jewish community leaders to keep constantly in mind that Israel is still engaged in a struggle for its very existence. "Six and one-half years after the establishment of the state, Israel still enjoys no peace, and hostile neighbors refuse to enter into normal relations with the young democracy," he said. "Instead, they spare no effort to harrass it at every turn by economic blockade, by every device of propaganda, by continued para-military adventures along Israel's frontiers."

Israel's security situation, Dr. Schwartz reported, was appreciably worsened in the last year and the burden of bolstering its security has fallen upon the people and government "at a time when fresh and imposing human problems cry out for a solution." Nearly 70,000 immigrants, many of them arrivals of three years ago, still languish in makeshift transit towns. "In the light of all this the time has come for American Jewish communities to think again in terms of essential and long-range priorities," he suggested.

Charles I. Schottland, Commissioner of Social Security for the United States Department of Health, Welfare and Education, addressing the opening session of the CJFWF, paid tribute to the work of Jewish community leaders and to their determination to provide all necessary social services for the community. "It should be said parenthetically that in the face of declining income, it is a tribute to the earnestness and zeal of Jewish community leaders that no important Jewish community in America has reduced its social services in any significant way."

U. N. ARMISTICE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS "BAT GALIM" SEIZURE TODAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission decided today to postpone until tomorrow consideration of the case of the Bat Galim, Israel vessel seized by the Egyptians in Suez waters late in September, an Israel military spokesman announced here.

A United Nations press officer in Jerusalem reported that the Egyptian delegation to the MAC session brought letters from the members of the Bat Galim crew, imprisoned in Cairo, and handed them to the Israel delegation.

U. S. JEW PLACES JEWISH COMMUNITY IN EGYPT IN DIFFICULT POSITION

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The activities of an American propagandist for the Arab cause in the Middle East has placed the Egyptian Jewish community in a difficult position, according to reports received from Egypt by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, it was announced by Max J. Schneider, chairman of ADL's Eastern Region Board.

In an interview published in the English language "Egyptian Gazette" of Cairo, Alfred Lilienthal, of Washington, D. C., author of the pro-Arab book, "What Price Israel," publicly proposes that representatives of the Egyptian Jewish community come to the United States to propagandize against Zionism.

Reliable sources, the League declared, report that the Egyptian Jewish community is in a state of trepidation as a result of Mr. Lilienthal's plan, which he proposed after a meeting with Egyptian Prime Minister Gamal Abdul Nasser. Egyptian Jewish leaders fear that Lilienthal's meddling in the Middle East jeopardizes the existence of Jewish life in Egypt and other Arab states, Mr. Schneider said.

In Washington, Mr. Lilienthal today announced that he has submitted suggestions to the State Department urging Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "to obtain a bi-partisan agreement to take the question of Israel and the Arab States out of domestic politics."

Among other things, he recommended that Secretary Dulles appoint "a Middle East board of inquiry" to be headed by Bernard Baruch as a representative Democrat and chairman Lewis H. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission, a Republican. It was not indicated whether Mr. Baruch or Mr. Strauss had been consulted about the proposed board. Mr. Lilienthal envisaged it as a "bi-partisan" move to establish the facts of the situation of Arabs in Israel and of Jews in the Arab states.

Mr. Lilienthal apparently has no official association with any American Jewish organization. An inquiry made to the office of the American Council for Judaism brought the response that he has been a nominal member but is not connected with it in any official capacity either as a volunteer or as a member of its staff.

ISOLATION OF ISRAEL IN UNESCO WORK IN MIDDLE EAST RESENTED

MONTEVIDEO, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- An attack on the isolation of Israel from the other countries of the Middle East within the framework of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was delivered here today by Arie Kubovy, Israel Minister to Argentina and Uruguay, who heads the Israel delegation at the current UNESCO session here.

Dr. Kubovy warned the Arab nations that the attempt to eliminate Israel from the Middle East is as vain an enterprise as to attempt to erase from history and geography Mount Sinai. He declared that if Israel did not contribute to the spiritual enrichment of the world, "its resurrection will not have been for us and for humanity more than a cruel deception." Dr. Kubovy thanked the UNESCO for its work in Israel.

URANIUM ORES REPORTED IN NEGEV; TOO EXPENSIVE TO PROCESS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The method of making heavy water, used in nuclear research, discovered by Israel scientists is cheaper than production methods used in the United States and the Soviet Union and will permit cheaper development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, the newspaper Haboker reported today.

The paper also reported that uranium ores had been discovered in the Negev, but were not being exploited because the ore was of a low grade and was therefore too expensive to process. The same article said that a good deal of work had been done in research on cosmic rays and isotopes by Israel scientists.

ISRAEL TRADE DELEGATION INVITED BY CHINA; WILL LEAVE IN SIX WEEKS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation which will go to China at the invitation of the Peking regime will leave in about six weeks, it was learned here today. Premier Sharett announced the invitation in Parliament this week.

It is understood that the delegation will consist of four or five persons, headed by a man of ambassadorial rank. David Hachohen, Israel Minister to Burma, has been mentioned as a possible choice to head the group. The invitation arrived at the Foreign Ministry in Chinese, with a copy translated into English attached to the original text.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT VOTES TO PROTEST RE-ARMING OF GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament voted overwhelmingly last night to protest the re-arming of both East and West Germany. Seventy-six deputies voted for this motion, while a sprinkling of 12 Communists and Mapam deputies voted for censure only of the arming of West Germany.

In the discussion which preceded the vote on these resolutions, Premier Moshe Sharett noted that the re-arming of Germany resulted from the world-wide East-West conflict and that while the re-arming of East Germany began four years ago, the arming of West Germany has only now gotten under way. Mr. Sharett described West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer as a man who sincerely strives to establish a democratic Germany.

ISRAEL VESSEL BUILT IN GERMANY PREPARES TO SAIL FOR HAIFA

BREMEN, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The 7,000-ton Dagan, the first cargo-passenger vessel to be completed by a German shipyard under the Israel reparations program was today loading cargo here for her maiden voyage to her home port of Haifa. The vessel completed her shakedown voyage in the North Sea in fine style and was immediately turned over to its new Israeli owners, Zim-Shoham Shipping Lines.

At London, the vessel will pick up her first 12 passengers for the trip to Haifa. The first cargo from Israel will be the first cargo of Jaffa oranges shipped to Europe from this season's crop. Once the maiden voyage is completed, the vessel will be placed on an Israel-Europe-American run. The vessel has special refrigerated holds for citrus fruit.

ISRAEL APPEALS TO U. N. TO RETAIN PRINCIPLES ON NUREMBERG TRIALS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A plea to retain the principles developed by the Allies during the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals was made by Dr. Jacob Robinson, Israel delegate to the General Assembly's Legal Committee. In the debate on the draft code of offenses against the peace and security of mankind, Dr. Robinson asked that the Nuremberg principles be retained for the present as the "basic source" of international criminal law.

Later today, with Israel abstaining, the committee decided to defer action on the draft code until a proposed special committee on defining aggression completes its work, in 1956.

GERMANY PERMITS TRANSFER OF INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS TO U.S.

BONN, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Compensation payments awarded to a Nazi victim under German indemnification legislation can now be transferred abroad without restriction to his country of residence, according to a directive issued by the Bonn Ministry of Economics.

The transfer of such payments to nations outside the dollar area has been possible for some months now; transfers to the United States, Canada and some other countries were previously limited to \$120 a month. The new freedom of transfer does not apply to funds deriving from the restitution of identifiable property.

GERMAN COURT DISMISSES CASE OF RUSSIAN EMIGRE ANTI-SEMITES

MUNICH, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The District Court here has dismissed appeals pressed by both prosecution and defense against fines imposed some months ago on two Russian emigre Jew-baiters, Eugene Arciuk and Vsevolod Mositchkin.

Arciuk is the leader and Mositchkin the secretary-general of RONDD, an extremist Fascist movement that is the spiritual descendant of the Tsarist "Black Hundreds." Under a law existing only in Bavaria, they were convicted of having incited racial hatred in their magazine, "Nabat." The publication, which features attacks on Jews, freemasons and President Eisenhower, gave over an entire issue to an inflammatory article on "The Jewish Question." It is also distributed in German and English-language editions.

The judge refused to hear the appeal on the grounds that any penalty he might pronounce would fall under Germany's recently-enacted amnesty. The prosecutor has filed a complaint against this decision with a higher court.

TWO JEWISH REFUGEES SENTENCED IN VIENNA FOR RESISTING POLICE

VIENNA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- An Austrian court sentenced two Hungarian Jewish refugees to short prison terms today on charges of forcibly resisting Austrian police who attempted to move them out of the Rothschild Hospital here last March 31. Rabbi Sandor Neumann received a three-month sentence, which was suspended, while Maier Fisher, a merchant, received a two-month sentence which was not suspended. A third defendant, Rabbi Hermann Deutsch, was acquitted.

In the two-day trial the police witnesses were admonished by the court to answer precisely questions concerning the fight which broke out when the police descended on the Jewish camp. It also criticized the records of the incident which a police inspector brought into court. Nevertheless, the court accepted police testimony that Rabbi Neumann and Mr. Fischer had fought the police and had injured several of them. It was alleged that one policeman had been kicked in the face.

Witnesses for the defense testified that the police had clubbed the defendants and had continued to beat Rabbi Neumann and Mr. Fischer long after they were lying on the ground unconscious. One policeman was heard to say that "Hitler let too many Jews live."

RUMANIA RELEASES NO JEWISH LEADERS; REJECTS APPEALS FOR BAIL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- No Rumanian Zionist or communal Jewish leaders have been released from prison by the Rumanian authorities, according to reports reaching here today. These reports said that all appeals by Zionists and World Jewish Congress leaders for bail have been turned down by the Rumanian High Court.

Meanwhile, other reports, from Czechoslovakia, hint at the possibility of the Czechs releasing Mordecai Oren, Mapam leader sentenced to prison during the Slanky trials. Prague recently released Shimon Orenstein, another Israeli in a similar position.

**DR. GOLDMANN WARNS JEWS AGAINST "UNJUSTIFIED OPTIMISM"**

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- "The Jewish people which has survived centuries of persecution, faces one of the most crucial junctures in its history, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, declared today addressing the convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America which is taking place here.

Dr. Goldmann referred to the "total spiritual extinction" of the Jewish communities in countries behind the Iron Curtain as a result of government policy there, as well as to the dissipation of the small, dispersed Jewish communities in the free world which lack resilience for spiritual survival.

Too many Jews, Dr. Goldmann stated, show a "predisposition toward unjustified optimism; they seem to feel that with the defeat of the Nazis and the subsequent emergence of the sovereign Jewish State, the Jewish community is somehow automatically guaranteed forever." This, he declared, is not so. "Rarely in Jewish history has our continuity as an entity been in greater peril than today," he said. He pointed out that if Soviet policies toward the Jews continue, 2,500,000 behind the Iron Curtain "will be lost to us forever."

"Surface peace, superficial stability and formal sufferance can be treacherously deceiving," Dr. Goldmann warned, adding that American and Israel Jewries hold the key to Jewish survival and possess the potential needed to "build up resilience throughout the Jewish world." Dr. Goldmann emphasized that Israel's political difficulties are not a mere episode, and will not "be gone with the wind tomorrow." He said the Zionist movement must be strong and vigorous to fulfil vital aims which no other movement, organization, or instrument can fulfil.

**Z.O.A. PRESIDENT HONORED; U.S. URGED TO REVISE MIDDLE EAST POLICY**

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Two Senators tonight reaffirmed the strong bonds of friendship between the United States and Israel and called for a re-examination of the present American policy in the Middle East. The Senators, Democrat Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Styles Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, spoke at a dinner tendered in honor of Mortimer May, president of the Zionist Organization of America, by the American Zionist Fund.

Mr. May, in his address to the dinner, stressed the decades of bi-partisan support accorded by the American Government to the Zionists and the State of Israel. Noting that recent events have caused some concern, he expressed the opinion that such developments were "but for the moment." Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA executive committee, presented Mr. May with a citation in honor of his many years of service to the Zionist cause and Israel.

Sen. Kefauver sharply criticized Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' "new look" policy in the Middle East, asserting that this "policy of rearmament" of the Arabs must "inevitably upset the delicate balance of power and the uneasy stability that exists at present." He chided the Secretary of State for referring to this policy as "impartial," noting that the "impartiality" consists of giving arms to the Arabs and offering to sell them to Israel.

**AGUDAH DELEGATION ARRIVES FROM ISRAEL; WILL TOUR UNITED STATES**

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A delegation of Agudath Israel leaders in Israel, headed by Rabbi Itzhok Meyer Lewin, former Israeli Minister of Welfare and executive chairman of the Agudath Israel World Organization, arrived here today from Jerusalem for a speaking tour of major Jewish communities in the United States and Canada.

Rabbi Lewin, who heads the Agudath Israel faction in the Knesset, was accompanied by Knesset member Rabbi Shlomo Lorentz, president of the Agudist Youth Organization of Israel, and Rabbi Menachem Porush, executive director of the Agudath Israel organization of Israel. They were met at the airport by a delegation of rabbis and Jewish laymen, representing Agudath Israel of America.

**ORT VOTES INCREASED BUDGET FOR 1955; WILL ENLARGE ITS WORK**

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- "Vocational services provided by ORT must be considerably increased, especially in North Africa, as a measure to strengthen Jewish communities there, in view of mounting pressures upon them," Dr. William Haer, president of the American ORT Federation, declared today upon his return from a meeting of the executive committee of the World ORT Union at Geneva. The meeting also adopted plans to extend the ORT program in Israel and heard reports from the exploratory mission to Turkey concerning fund-raising possibilities and the prospects of establishing ORT schools there.

To implement these plans and to operate its technical schools in 19 countries, the World ORT Union executive committee authorized a budget totaling \$3,600,000 for 1955, representing an increase of \$500,000 over the current year, Dr. Haber reported. The committee instructed its officers to explore all channels for meeting the program's financial requirements.

"The position of North African Jewry is highly vulnerable," Dr. Haber observed. "Whether an increasing number emigrate to Israel or remain where they are, their economic future hinges largely upon the acquisition of vocational security. For the 30,000 North African Jews who may go to Israel next year, vocational training will be a precious acquisition for themselves as well as for Israel. For the majority of the 500,000 who remain, it will provide a firm basis for their economic independence."

**61 NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOLS OFFER COURSES IN HEBREW LANGUAGE**

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A total of 61 New York senior and junior high schools now offer courses in the Hebrew language, Judah Lapson, director of the Hebrew Culture Council of the Jewish Education Committee, revealed here today.

Mr. Lapson said that this figure is unprecedented in the school systems of this country and noted that these gains were made in a period when the study of all foreign languages on the secondary school and college level was declining. Hebrew courses are offered in 28 junior high schools and 33 senior high schools here.

The success of Hebrew courses in New York has had a salutary effect on the introduction of such courses elsewhere. Twelve high schools in other cities now offer such courses. In Chicago, where one course was offered last year, five are now given. Other cities offering Hebrew include Boston, St. Louis and Los Angeles.

**5,000-YEAR-OLD STATUETTE DISCOVERED AT EXCAVATION IN NEGEV**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A 5,000-year-old bone statuette, less than 15 inches tall, has been discovered at an excavation near Beersheba by French archaeologist Jean Perrot, it was reported here today.

The statuette, considered a very important discovery, was found in a mass of stone uncovered at the Saphir Excavations. M. Perrot believes that the figure was made in the Chalcolithic period.

**ITZHAK LAMDAN, NOTED HEBREW POET, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 55**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Itzhak Lamdan, one of the best known contemporary Hebrew poets, died here last night. He was 55. Born in Mlynov, in the Ukraine, he came to Israel in 1920.

Mr. Lamdan, whose poetry expressed the nationalistic hopes and pioneering spirit of the Jews of Palestine and of the newly-formed Israel was editor of the Hebrew literary publication, "Gilyonot." Besides writing poetry, Mr. Lamdan translated into Hebrew the best known works of American and European writers including Jack London, Joseph Conrad, Paul de Kruif and Max Brod.