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U. J. A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY; WILL SEEK \$105,146,035 FOR 1956

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The sum of \$105,146,035 will be sought by the United Jewish Appeal in 1956, it was learned here today on the eve of the opening of the UJA annual national conference. More than 1,200 delegates from all parts of the country will attend the two-day conference at which Golda Myerson, Israel Minister of Labor, will be one of the principal speakers.

The conference will open tomorrow with a report on the 1956 budgetary requirements of the UJA member agencies. These agencies--United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and New York Association for New Americans--require a total of \$153,146,037 to carry out their programs in the coming year. The difference between the full financial needs and what will be asked by the UJA--\$48,000,000--is anticipated from German reparations, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims and other sources.

The 1956 fund-raising effort of the UJA will not be confined just to its regular campaign. It will also include raising of a \$25,000,000 Special Fund, over and above the amount expected through the regular UJA. The \$25,000,000 Special Fund effort was set in motion on November 18 at an extraordinary meeting of leaders of the American Jewish community. On that occasion they called upon the Jews of America to "provide all the funds for immigration to assure a haven of refuge and safety for Jews who are in need of it, while the people of Israel gird themselves for the arduous tasks that lie ahead."

In creating the \$25,000,000 Special Fund in behalf of 45,000 immigrants to Israel who must be brought speedily from North Africa the leaders of the American Jewish community took cognizance of the fact that the people of Israel cannot be expected to share in emergency immigration, at a time when they are faced with the ominous challenge to their survival posed by the Communist arming of Egypt.

480,000 Persons to Receive Assistance from U. J. A. Funds

A total of 480,000 persons will receive aid from the U. J. A. member agencies in 1956, it was indicated in a report released here today. The report shows that 305,000 Jews will receive assistance through the United Israel Appeal, 168,000 will be aided by the Joint Distribution Committee--in addition to 45,000 Jewish emigrants from North Africa--and 7,000 will be given aid by the New York Association for New Americans.

The budgetary requirements of the United Israel Appeal for the coming year amount to \$123,240,000, the report stated. The requirements of the Joint Distribution Committee total \$29,200,000. The New York Association for New Americans envisages expenditures reaching \$706,035. The budgetary requirements of the United Israel Appeal have been approved by the Jewish Agency executive. The JDC total had been voted at the 41st annual meeting of the organization which was held at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight.

The report pointed out that the expenditures that are budgeted by the United Israel Appeal concern not only the immigrants who are now arriving but the many thousands of immigrants who were brought to Israel in recent years and who are still in need of major assistance to assure their genuine integration as productive and self-reliant citizens of the Jewish State. "Major expenditures are also scheduled by the United Israel Appeal for that large number of agricultural settlements that have been established over the past seven and a half years--settlements that have contributed significantly to the advance of Israel's agriculture and that must be strengthened to make them fully self-supporting units of the Israel economy," the report said.

J. D. C. DECIDES TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION OF 45,000 JEWS FROM NO. AFRICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, at its 41st annual meeting tonight, decided to make available from its regular 1956 budget the sum of \$3,760,000 for the transportation of up to 45,000 Jews from North Africa to Israel.

The decision was taken following the adoption of a budget of \$29,200,000 for JDC activities in 1956. More than 500 leaders from all parts of the country attended the meeting at which Edward M. M. Warburg was re-elected JDC chairman for the eleventh successive year. Others re-elected included Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, director-general for overseas operations, now on leave. Mr. Warburg is also national president of the United Jewish Appeal.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Warburg said: "We have carefully gone over our budget and cut our programs down to the bone in order to leave every available resource

at the disposal of meeting the problem which has arisen in North Africa, and particularly the problem of immigration from North Africa and other parts of the world to Israel. Ours will be a double contribution. Not only will we waive our participation in the \$25,000,000 Special Fund which the United Jewish Appeal has now launched, but in addition we will take on this further burden of reabsorbing into our budget the immigration costs up to the figure of \$3,760,000.

"It is a source of great satisfaction to all of us," the JDC leader declared, "that in this manner we can lead the way in indicating how seriously we consider this problem. I am sure that all will applaud this further evidence to the partnership which exists between our organization and our colleagues in Israel."

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was one of the principal speakers at the meeting. Mr. Leavitt, reviewing the JDC program, emphasized that "Israel faces her greatest crisis" and expressed the hope that "the United States, Britain and France will use all their skill, all their statesmanship and all of their persuasive powers to keep the peace in the Middle East."

Before adopting the budget, the delegates heard an analysis of the proposed allocations from Morris Laub, JDC assistant secretary. Dr. Joseph Schwartz delivered a brief address in memory of Moses W. Beckelman, late JDC director-general for overseas operations. The delegates adopted a resolution of support for the two nationwide United Jewish Appeal campaigns. "We fully support the establishment by the United Jewish Appeal of a Special Fund to secure \$25,000,000 for the absorption and resettlement of 45,000 North African Jews in Israel and that the Joint Distribution Committee waive its right to share in the proceeds of the Special Fund."

DULLES SAYS "COLD WAR" RESUMED BY SOVIET ARMING OF ARABS

PARIS, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told the opening meeting of the Council of NATO here today that the Soviet Union has resumed the cold war with thrusts into the Middle East and South Asia.

In his address to the representatives of 15 nations in the Atlantic pact, Mr. Dulles said that they had overcome greater dangers from the same source in the past by remaining vigilant and united. The Western diplomats, who include beside Mr. Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay, are not expected to come up with immediate moves to counteract the USSR in the Middle East, but are expected at this time merely to state their problem and work on its solution in the coming weeks and months.

NASSER THREATENS SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN ATTACK ON ISRAEL; INFORMS U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The State Department declined to comment today on a report reaching here that Egyptian Premier Abdel Gamal Nasser had notified the U.S. Ambassador in Cairo that Egypt and Syria will attack Israel on two fronts in the event of "any further Israel aggression." The report quoted Col. Nasser as announcing that Egyptian representatives will deliver a memorandum with the same information to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

At the same time, the State Department confirmed that U.S. Ambassador Henry A. Byroade had a long conversation in Cairo with Col. Nasser about the Israel-Syrian clash. Reports from Cairo said that the Egyptian Premier had a similar conference today with the British Ambassador Sir Humphrey Trevelyan.

U. N. TRUCE CHIEF GOES TO SYRIA; ISRAEL READY TO FREE CAPTURED SYRIANS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce supervisor, will proceed to Damascus tomorrow to discuss the current Israel-Syrian situation with top Syrian leaders, it was announced here today.

Meanwhile, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman, commenting on a Syrian request for the return of the 30 Syrian soldiers taken prisoner in Sunday night's raid on Syrian outposts on Lake Tiberias, revealed that Gen. Burns had been notified of Israel's readiness to free all the Syrian prisoners on condition that the Syrians free all Israelis they hold prisoner. The spokesman added that Israel will treat the captured Syrian troops in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

Addressing a luncheon tendered him by the Israel Journalists Association, Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi said that the recent Syrian attacks on Israel borders and on its fishermen had created a situation that no state could possibly allow to continue. He charged that in relation to Egypt, Israel was suffering as an indirect result of Big Power rivalry.

BRITAIN PROTESTS ISRAEL'S RAID ON SYRIA; PRESENTS NOTE TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The British Government formally protested to Israel today in a note denouncing Israel's attack on Syrian positions. The note was delivered at the Foreign Office today by Permanent Foreign Under Secretary Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick to Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath. Britain announced in the note that it takes a "grave view" of Israel's action and has decided to support Syria's appeal to the United Nations Security Council tomorrow.

BRITISH GOVT. PRESENTS ITS VIEWS ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE TO LORDS

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Lord Reading, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and spokesman for the Eden Government in the House of Lords, told the Upper House today that there must be no delay in reaching a peace settlement in the Middle East. He endorsed Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's "compromise" mediation proposal of last month.

Lord Reading asserted that Britain had been looking for a peace settlement formula for years and that it seems that mediation was the best possibility for even beginning to move toward a settlement. He noted that Britain did not seek such an exacting role, but the government felt mediation was in the best interests of the parties concerned.

He rejected a proposal by Laborite Lord Henderson that a United Nations police force be set to patrolling the Israel-Arab frontiers. Further, he objected to a "full dress arms race with the Russians" and insisted that the arms situation made a settlement "vital."

ACTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS HOLDING OF ZIONIST CONGRESS IN APRIL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Convocation of the 24th World Zionist Congress by April 11, 1956 at the latest, and earlier if possible, was recommended today by unanimous decision of the praesidium of the Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the World Zionist movement between world congresses. The recommendation was made to the Jewish Agency by a session of the praesidium at which representatives of all parties in the world movement were represented.

Earlier, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman, told a press conference of a plan to convene pre-Zionist Congress conferences with non-Zionists in North and South America and Europe to rally the non-Zionists to identify themselves with Israel. Dr. Goldmann is scheduled to fly to Germany tomorrow for conferences with Bonn officials on implementation of individual indemnification legislation for Nazi victims.

Dr. Goldmann said that all parties in Israel wanted a World Zionist Congress immediately in view of Israel's serious situation, but he had convinced them that in view of many engagements facing American Zionist leaders the congress could not be held before April. He said he had found the situation here strained, but the Israelis were determined to face whatever came, confident about the future particularly since they were sure of the support of world Jewry and were certain that the world powers would not permit the destruction of Israel.

The main thing today was to remain calm and sure, he continued. The dangers resulting from the Soviet supply of arms to Egypt must not be underestimated, he stressed, but he was confident that Israel would come through this crisis with the assistance of world Jewry and the great masses of non-Jews who favor Israel. The present crisis will eventually bring a future normalization of relations with Israel's neighbors and the stabilization of Israel. He concluded by emphasizing that American Zionists and American Jews in general were doing everything possible to strengthen Israel politically and financially and to bring Israel far-reaching security guarantees from the great powers.

BOND FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK BRINGS \$4,000,000 FOR ISRAEL; 20,000 ATTEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 persons filled Madison Square Garden here tonight for a Chanukah Festival arranged by the Israel Bond Organization. They bought \$4,000,000 worth of Israel bonds. An identical festival will take place next Monday in order to accommodate thousands of additional Israel bond buyers who were unable to gain admission tonight.

The Festival heard U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman criticize American policy in the Middle East as "a policy of too little and almost too late." Mr. Lehman, who called for shipment of U.S. arms to Israel to offset the shipment of Soviet arms to the Arab nations, issued a strong warning against any "Middle East Munich."

The Festival also heard addresses by Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel and Dr. Israel Goldstein. Mr. Eban said that unless the balance of arms in the Middle East is restored and effective security arrangements are applied, it is difficult to expect any progress towards stability or peace.

ISRAEL SHIP PLAYS HOST TO BALL OF AMERICAN-ISRAEL FUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- On the eve of its second voyage, the S.S. Israel, Israel's newest and largest passenger ship, played host last night to the annual ball of the Israel Maritime League Committee of the American Fund for Israel Institutions. Several hundred guests attended the event, which raised \$30,000 toward the Fund's campaign for \$1,870,000 for the support of many of the leading educational and cultural institutions in Israel. Chairmen of the event were Gottlieb Hammer, president of the American-Israeli Shipping Company; Henry Mechutan; Rapahel Recanati, and Roger Starr.

QUEEN JULIANA OF NETHERLANDS DECORATES JEWISH LEADER

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana has conferred the Knighthood of the Dutch Lion on Dr. Samuel van Ouden, 67-year-old Dutch Jewish leader.

DOCUMENTARY VOLUME OF NAZI GERMANY AND THE JEWS PUBLISHED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A documentary volume on "The Third Reich and the Jews," with 400 pages of text and 72 pages of photostats and pictures, has been issued here by the Arani Publishing House, a German firm close to the Social Democratic Party.

The authors and compilers of the imposing work, first of its kind to be available in Germany for general circulation, are two well-known Jewish scholars, Leon Poliakov and Josef Wulf. The former, a Russian-born historian who has lived in Paris since 1920, is director of the "Centre du Documentation Juive Contemporaine," the French Jewish institute that has specialized in research on Nazi persecutions. Mr. Wulf was a member of the Central Jewish Historical Commission in Warsaw after the war and now lives in Berlin, where he is engaged in historical research on Nazi policy on the Jews.

The five sections of their volume deal with looting and spoliation; with the Nazi extermination policies, the technique of the killings and the results as they are reflected in statistical figures; with testimony of Jewish witnesses; with particularly revealing excerpts from Nazi writings, newspapers, official communications, etc.; and, in a final chapter, with aid and solidarity shown by non-Jews from Finland to Greece.

NEW YORK PROFESSOR NAMED TO BERLIN CHAIR FOR HISTORY ON JUDAISM

BERLIN, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Adolf Leschnitzer, Professor of German at New York's City College and a well-known Jewish educator, has accepted a call from the Free University in West Berlin to the newly-established Chair for the History of German Judaism.

Prof. Leschnitzer, who was born at Posen in 1899, headed the Education Department of the Reich Association of German Jews during the first six years of the Hitler regime. He came to the United States in 1940 and has been a professor of German at Brooklyn and City College since 1946. He has served as a visiting professor at the Free University for the past several years. Among his works are "Faust and Moses," "The Birth of 'Modern' Anti-Semitism," "The Sociology of Anti-Semitism," and a study on German-Jewish relationships, "Saul and David."

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF LOUIS LIPSKY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Two scholarships named in honor of American Zionist leader Louis Lipsky have been awarded to two American scientists at the Weizmann Institute. Announcement of the awards, made to Dr. Yermiyahu Kaplan, of the U.S. Naval laboratories in Washington, and Dr. Yeshua Lebel, of Brooklyn, was made here by Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the Institute's executive council, prior to his departure for a three-month visit to Europe and the United States.

BROOKLYN'S OLDEST JEWISH CONGREGATION CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Brooklyn's oldest Jewish congregation, founded before the Civil War, will begin the celebration of its centennial year here tomorrow. The first public event in the celebration of Congregation Beth Israel Anshe Emes will honor a number of Brooklyn judges and lawyers who have contributed to the growth of the congregation, which has been occupying its present synagogue building since 1905.

Later in the centennial year, the Congregation will honor its spiritual leader, Rabbi Israel Goldfarb, who has occupied its pulpit for 50 years. Rabbi Goldfarb is 75 years old.

BOYS ADMIT SMASHING WINDOWS AND SCRAWLING "JEW" ON DOOR IN R. I.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Four teen-age boys today confessed that they had smashed 152 windows in 16 Jewish-owned unoccupied homes in Barrington, a beach and summer resort near here. One of the boys also told police that he had scrawled the words "Jew" and "Kike" on the front door of a house in the same area.

Three of the vandals are 13 years old, while the fourth is 16. All of them told police that they had not been encouraged by any adults. The window-smashing followed by several weeks the appearance of a swastika and the word "Hitler" on a road in Barrington.

GRAVITZKY-REGEV, DIRECTOR OF ISRAEL OFFICE OF KEREN HAYESOD, DEAD

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Joseph Gravitzy-Regev, director of the Israel office of Keren Hayesod, died here today of a heart attack. He was 55 years old.

Long active in journalism, Mr. Gravitzy began his career as a diplomatic correspondent for the Warsaw Yiddish newspaper, "Haint." Settling in Palestine in 1932, he served successively as head of the press bureau of the Jewish Agency, manager of the defunct Palcor Telegraphic Agency, and director of the local press division of the State of Israel Information Services. He also edited, in 1951-52, the vocalized Hebrew daily "Omer," designed especially for new immigrants learning Hebrew.