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C.-J. F. W. F. ASSEMBLY APPEALS FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST; LAUDS ISRAEL

TORONTO, Nov. 18: (JTA) -- The Jews of the United States and Canada today issued an appeal to the world to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, emphasizing that "such a 'peace with justice--and justice with peace' will be of a momentous and enduring value to all peoples of the area, and to all mankind."

The appeal was voiced at the concluding session here of the four-day General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which represents more than 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada. Herbert R. Abeles of Newark was re-elected president of the CJFWF for another term, together with all other officers.

In a special resolution on Israel, the delegates emphasized that Israel has been "the bulwark of democracy in the Middle East" and has rescued over 800,000 Jewish refugees "who found it necessary to flee there in search of freedom and security." Terming "vital" the ability of Israel to continue that role, the delegates rededicated themselves "to continue and intensify our efforts to the end that the great humanitarian program to which we have contributed and which continues to demand our help may go forward."

Asks for "Maximum Giving" of Jewish Aid in U.S. and Canada

The Assembly also adopted a resolution asking the Jews of the United States and Canada for a "most generous outpouring of support" to meet critical Jewish needs abroad and to strengthen Jewish community institutions at home. It called for "the immediate mobilization of campaign organizations and manpower, immediate enrollment of campaign leadership, fullest enlistment of our communities in this united effort, and maximum giving."

Other resolutions called for a year-round program by communities to "recruit, train and retain the most capable individuals for leadership responsibilities," and a sustained drive by all communities to make up the deficiency in trained personnel by "joining and encouraging overall recruitment efforts to secure the best qualified men and women for Jewish communal service."

The Governments of Canada and the United States won the praise of the delegates for granting asylum to refugees fleeing Soviet domination in Hungary. The delegates also lauded the Canadian Government for "inaugurating a program of immigration from North Africa which will include a substantial number of Jews."

In a resolution on immigration in the United States, acted upon only by United States delegates, the delegates reiterated their previous stand on American immigration laws and called for their revision, eliminating the discriminatory national origins quota system and establishing a realistic and flexible quota system "geared to meet emergencies."

Heavy Influx of Immigration to Israel Reported by U. J. A. Leader

Leaders of the Jewish communities at the Assembly heard a report by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, emphasizing that despite the Middle Eastern crisis, Israel is experiencing the heaviest immigration in years.

"The heavy influx of immigrants to Israel is creating a vast new emergency at a time when Israel is confronted with the most critical problem of survival since its independence in 1948," the UJA leader said. "Since the beginning of October alone, right through most of the tense days of the fighting, immigration continued and more than 12,000 people entered Israel," he declared. "The immigrants," he stated, "are arriving from countries where doors are thought closed. They constitute life-or-death immigration. Either they can come in now or they may never have another chance. Also, hundreds of thousands of earlier arrivals in Israel are in need of aid and their absorption must be completed."

"Tens of thousands of Jewish lives can be saved only if American Jews will come with prompt and full aid for the people of Israel as they struggle to take in and absorb those who plead to come now. These are days of greatest opportunity for rescue," Rabbi Friedman stressed. He added that the American Jewish community must prepare for the greatest fund-raising effort ever in order to meet the extraordinary needs posed by the current situation.

Avraham Harman, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who arrived from Israel to address the Assembly, told the gathering that the "knockout blow Egypt was readying against Israel was designed not merely to conquer territory, but to destroy people. No

country could reasonably be expected to tolerate a situation of this kind or fail to take the necessary action to protect its existence." He said Egypt had converted the Sinai Peninsula into a "great arsenal of aggression," threatening not only Israel but the entire world.

"The major function of the United Nations today must be to remove the threat of Egyptian aggression from the Middle East. It is inconceivable that the United Nations, whose essential purpose is the maintenance of peace, should fail to concentrate its attention on the central task of bringing Egypt to the peace table with Israel. Any action short of that would mean United Nations acquiescence in the existence of a state of war on the part of one nation against its neighbor," Mr. Harman said.

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the delegates that the "terrible events in Hungary" have caused deep concern about the fate of the 120,000 Hungarian Jews, most of whom are concentrated in shattered Budapest. Many hundreds of Jewish refugees have crossed the border into Austria and more are expected in the days ahead, he said. "Overnight, we are back in this horrible refugee business," Mr. Leavitt said. "We are again opening offices, rushing staff into Austria, and do not know when the surge of fleeing people will stop."

Abner Bregman, chairman of the board of the United Hias Service, reported assurances of financial stability for more than 100 Hungarian Jewish refugee families, part of the 5,000 refugees to be admitted to the United States under the terms of the U.S. Refugee Relief Act and President Eisenhower's order. Hias is negotiating with Canada and Brazil to admit thousands of North African Jews in 1957, he noted. In cooperation with the JDC and Jewish Agency, Mr. Bregman said, Hias was helping 600 Jews in Communist China try to obtain exit visas for Israel.

Higher Forms of U.S. Jewish Community Organization Predicted

Addressing the 25th anniversary dinner of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Harry L. Lurie, former executive director of the Council and ranking authority on Jewish social welfare, predicted that within the next 25 years Jewish communal organizations in the United States would combine religious and secular activities to achieve a more cohesive and beneficial effect for Jews. He said that the marked differences in United States Jewish groups, because of varying immigrant and cultural backgrounds, was leveling out. He attributed this to the continued decrease in the number of foreign-born in the nation's population. This trend, he stated, would continue until the differences reached "the vanishing point" in 25 years.

Declaring that large cultural differences among American Jews "had yielded to a considerable amount of group likeness," Mr. Lurie said: "Time and American-born generations have tended to ease what were once considered to be ingrained differences between the culture of the foreign born and of the longer settled American Jews, between the traditional and the modern." He added that under an ever-broadening American prosperity Jewish communities could look forward to continuing progress toward higher forms of community organization and expanded social services.

Mr. Lurie also reported an easing of anti-Semitism and asserted that accelerated drives against discrimination were being reinforced by "legal measures, accompanied though they may be today by increased strains and stresses." Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, a former president of the council, announced the establishment of a fellowship in honor of Mr. Lurie. The fellowship, financed by the council, will go to a promising youth for advanced social work studies.

The Council presented its annual William J. Shroder Awards to the Jewish Community Services of Long Island and the Jewish Vocational Service of Milwaukee. The Long Island group was honored for developing specialized non-institutional services for the aged. The Milwaukee agency was honored for developing special facilities and educational techniques for physically and emotionally disturbed children and for exceptional children as well. The dinner was marked also by the first presentation of the Edwin Rosenberg Awards for constructive leadership in Jewish communal service. The awards, silver medallions, went to Myer Feinstein and Bernard L. Frankel of Philadelphia. The awards were set up by Ben Touster Foundation in New York.

EGYPTIANS SEEK TO PENETRATE ISRAELI LINES IN SINAI; FIVE KILLED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (ITA)---The attempt yesterday by an Egyptian patrol to penetrate the Sinai Peninsula positions held by Israeli troops constituted a violation of the United Nations General Assembly cease-fire, the Israel Foreign Ministry charged tonight.

A six-man Egyptian patrol penetrated Israeli lines near the Mitleh Pass in Sinai yesterday. In the resultant clash five of the six Arabs were killed and the sixth was wounded and captured.

Meanwhile, fedayeen gangs attempting to escape from the Gaza strip to Jordan territory across the Negev continue to harass communications and settlements. One gang attacked watchmen at the Gilat settlement yesterday afternoon and in the clash seven Arabs were killed and five captured.

Israel casualties from Arab marauders during the first ten months of this year were placed at 74 killed and 209 wounded in a government report issued today.

ISRAEL REJECTS BULGANIN'S REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION FOR EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Government approved today Premier David Ben Gurion's reply to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's note of last week threatening Israel's existence and demanding that the Jewish State pay compensation to Egypt for damages caused during the Sinai Peninsula campaign. The Ben Gurion note was handed to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Tel Aviv tonight.

Mr. Ben Gurion's reply told the Soviet Premier that Israel had suffered far greater damage at the hands of the Egyptians than it had ever caused them. Past Egyptian aggressions, he charged, had hurt the Israeli economy to the extent of tens of millions of pounds.

"However," continued the Israeli Premier's note, "if peace is established between Egypt and ourselves, we shall be ready to forgive all past transgressions by the Egyptian rulers." He declared that, in accordance with the United Nations Charter, Israel is prepared for a settlement of her dispute with Egypt and the other Arab states "by peaceful means."

"It is with regret," the note concludes, that I have to point out that several of the expressions about Israel used in your letter are not likely to be interpreted by the Arab rulers as encouragement for the achievement of peace in our region, nor would they appear appropriate to accepted relations between state members of the United Nations."

Bulganin's letter to Israel's Prime Minister was received here with astonishment and aroused considerable consternation. It was also noted that the letter, which was handed over to the Israel Charge d'Affaires in Moscow by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, was received here from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York hours before the Israel Embassy in Moscow was presented with it. This was seen as an indication that the Soviet Government distributed the text to the press before delivering it to the Israel embassy--a breach of protocol.

U. S. JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES SEEK REFUGEES AT HUNGARIAN FRONTIER

VIENNA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A total of 765 Hungarian Jewish refugees are registered with the Vienna Jewish Community and receiving assistance through the community, it was reported here today.

Although it is known that hundreds more have crossed the border, it is not possible to obtain a check on their number. Two factors are responsible for this situation: the almost continuous movement of Hungarian refugees from one part of Austria to another as camps are reconstituted and refugees leave for Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland; and the obvious hesitation of some refugees to identify themselves as Jews.

A delegation composed of representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, United Hias Service, American Jewish Committee and the Canadian Jewish Congress visited border points today across which refugees are moving. At one point they saw Soviet soldiers send the refugees back but, since the Russians cannot patrol the entire border, the refugees crossed elsewhere.

The delegation brought back three Jewish youths, two boys and a girl who quit Budapest two days ago. One of the boys had jumped off a truck which was taking a group of Hungarians to be deported to the East. This boy has a relative in New York, but the name has been withheld to protect members of his family remaining in Hungary.

Communist charges that Hungarian rebels engaged in anti-Semitic violence resulting in the death of Jews in Hungary was denounced here this week-end as a "complete fabrication" by Zachariah Schuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee. All accounts by Hungarian Jewish refugees reaching Jewish organizations here are in full agreement that there was no organized anti-Semitic action of any kind, and that only occasional anti-Jewish remarks were passed by individuals, Mr. Schuster asserted.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS VOTES CONFIDENCE IN ITS PRESIDENT

LONDON, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today gave its president, Barnett Janner, an overwhelming vote of confidence. He had been challenged because as a Labor member of Parliament he had voted with the Opposition to condemn the Anglo-French intervention in the Israel-Egyptian fighting in the Sinai Peninsula.

The motion of confidence clearly stated that it was not to be taken either as approval or disapproval of the British Government's action. Proponents of the motion said that the vote censuring the government, in which Mr. Janner participated, in no way concerned Israel and that during the debate, Mr. Janner vigorously defended Israel's action.

Opponents argued that by expressing confidence in Mr. Janner, the Board of Deputies would be associating itself with the Labor Party's anti-government stand. They also asserted that by voting with Labor, Mr. Janner had associated himself with Socialist leaders' description of Israel as an aggressor in this action.

The Board adopted a resolution expressing solidarity with Israel and asserted that it looked to the "United Nations to use their best endeavors to bring Egypt and the other Arab states into direct negotiations with Israel for the establishment of a settled peace."

Z. O. A. ASKS EISENHOWER TO SEEK DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The national executive council of the Zionist Organization of America, in a declaration unanimously adopted today addressed a plea to President Eisenhower "to apply the full weight of his prestige and influence" to the achievement of a just peace settlement through direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt as well as other Arab states. It also called for a mutual security treaty with Israel.

The declaration, presented to the Council by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, also called upon the nationwide membership of the organization "and Israel's friends everywhere to rally to her side, to increase and intensify their material and moral aid and to work unrelentingly for the day when Israel shall be able to build for peace, security and freedom."

The declaration makes an urgent appeal to the U.S. Government "to take a firm and unyielding stand against Soviet encroachments in the Middle East and thereby avert further Soviet aggression and global conflict." It further urges our government "to act speedily in inaugurating a new policy and a new era in the Middle East by strengthening the hands of our democratic ally, Israel, in its struggle against the enemies of freedom and by entering into a mutual security treaty with Israel."

The declaration also urges the U.S. Government "to insure that Israel ships shall have the same rights of passage through the Suez Canal as will be enjoyed by other users of the Canal." It opposes any attempt to utilize the machinery of the United Nations to reestablish an untenable armistice or to impose an unjust settlement on Israel.

JEWISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE SEEKS TO CURB INTERMARRIAGE IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- An appeal to the 170,000 members of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America to help check intermarriage in the United States, was issued here today by the League following its biennial convention. The question of intermarriage was discussed at the parley.

The organization, representing 650 sisterhoods of American Conservative synagogues, was told at its convention that Jews in the United States "have no idea of the tremendous tragedy of intermarriage in the American Jewish community." The major speaker on this subject at the convention was Rabbi Arthur Neulander, leader of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of the Conservative rabbinate.

The convention adopted a resolution expressing concern over the "current vigorous pressures to put religion into the public schools." It reiterated the stand of the League that religious teaching "must remain the responsibility of the home, the church and the synagogue." The convention agreed that "the public schools must and should teach with full objectivity the role that religion has played in the life of mankind and in the development of society, when such teaching is intrinsic to the regular subject matter being studied." But it opposed "any attempts by the public schools to go beyond this, and teach about the doctrines of religion."

With regard to the Israel situation, the convention adopted a resolution urging the United States Government "to lend its best efforts in the United Nations and otherwise to bring about direct peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt"; calling upon the U.S. "to enter into a security pact with Israel and other Middle East nations desiring to enter such an agreement"; and asking the "Western democracies effectively to guarantee Israel's legitimate borders and to suggest how Israel can protect herself against Fedayeen and other attacks without yielding her sovereign rights, her dignity and her self-respect."

22 PERCENT OF U.S. RABBIS ARE ENGAGED IN NON-CONGREGATIONAL JOBS

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A new survey of the American rabbinate, conducted by the Jewish Statistical Bureau, was made public here today by Dr. H. S. Linfield, executive secretary of the institution which functions under the auspices of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jewish groups in this country. The work of the Bureau is financed by voluntary contributions.

The survey established that a total of 4,257 rabbis were in the United States at the beginning of last year. Nearly 2,500 of them officiated in the Jewish congregations as their preachers, teachers and leaders. However, 945 rabbis, or 22 percent, were engaged full-time in specialized Jewish community work, in the fields of Jewish education and Jewish welfare work. "This is a new development," Dr. Linfield states, "since in former years the number of rabbis engaged full-time in non-congregational service was small."

Nearly 80 percent of the American-trained rabbis have secular education of four years of college or more, the survey reveals. It shows that there was a large increase in the number of rabbis in the United States during the past quarter of a century. In the Jewish communal survey for 1927, made by the same author and published by the American Jewish Committee in 1930, only a total of 1,751 rabbis were recorded. The 1927 figure, Dr. Linfield notes, did not include the number of rabbis who were engaged in full time in non-congregational services. That number, however, was small.