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U. J. A. PROCLAIMS \$100, 000, 000 SPECIAL DRIVE IN ADDITION TO 1957 GOAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal concluded today its two-day annual national conference with a decision to conduct a nationwide drive for a \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund over and above its regular 1957 campaign.

The unprecedented decision was taken by more than 1,200 American Jewish communal leaders in the light of mounting evidence that a minimum of 100,000 endangered Jews will require assistance in the next twelve months in moving to Israel and other free countries.

In creating the Emergency Rescue Fund, the Jewish leaders declared in a resolution that "this is an hour of consummate peril for hundreds of thousands of Jews overseas, and for the free and democratic people of Israel, who are threatened by naked and rampant totalitarianism to a degree unmatched since the days of Hitler."

The delegates drew special attention to Egypt's treatment of its 50,000 Jews, asserting that "Nasser daily reveals himself as the spiritual heir of Nazism." They scored Egypt's threat of mass expulsion of Jews, the fact that it is now subjecting Jews to persecution, confiscation of property and the sequestering of Jewish communal institutions "in the manner of the infamous Nuremberg Laws."

"The very right of Israel's people to exist as a free and independent State," they charged, "has been challenged by Israel's belligerent Arab neighbors into whose hands the Soviets have put vast quantities of the most modern weapons of war, including jet bombers, planes, tanks and guns."

As a result, the delegates declared, Israel's people are "in no position to bear any part of the huge costs of the humanitarian work of rescuing, receiving and absorbing" tens of thousands of "endangered and threatened Jews." They also noted that Jewish refugees reaching other countries will need transportation, relief and welfare aid.

In the light of this, the delegates stressed American Jews must act at once in providing all the funds for emergency rescue and resettlement, as well as for the regular welfare and rehabilitation programs of the UJA constituent agencies. They took special note of the fact that "several thousand Jews are among the multitudes who fled Hungary during the course of the recent violent revolt, and are now in Vienna and urgently require food, clothing and resettlement aid."

Rosenwald Reelected UJA Head; Regular \$105, 000, 000 Budget Adopted

The 1,200 Jewish communal leaders reelected William Rosenwald as UJA general chairman for a third successive term. They named Samuel Rubin chairman of the \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue drive and elected Senator Herbert H. Lehman honorary chairman of the UJA. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman was reelected UJA executive vice chairman. All 1956 UJA officers were reelected for the coming year.

Joseph Meyerhoff, chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet, reported the budgetary needs of the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and New York Association for New Americans. He pointed out that in addition to funds for the rescue program, they require of American Jews a sum of \$105,000,000 to meet all other needs. This is the same regular amount they required in 1956. The conference adopted the budget as presented by Mr. Meyerhoff.

Rabbi Friedman sounded the keynote of last night's session with the statement that "American Jews must rescue every Jew in every area of crisis that can be reached." The UJA executive head stressed that American Jews could do no less at a time when "Israel's dangerously encircled people have refused to forsake Jews who may be in greater danger than themselves."

"At a time when Israel's people are taking in all those who can get out of lands of oppression," he declared, "American Jews must join in this inspiring work of rescue by an unprecedented outpouring of funds." He referred to Israel Premier David Ben Gurion's description of the Egyptian treatment of Jews as "a reign of terror" and said that the developments of recent days had proved this description "far too mild."

He cited the sequestering of Jewish property in Egypt, the promulgation of nationality laws aimed at depriving Jews of Egyptian citizenship, the holding of one hostage per family

in the case of families being expelled, mass deportations and other tactics which, he said, "are methods so similar to what Hitler used before World War II as to stun the minds of free men."

Avraham Harman, member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, told the delegates that events and developments in the Middle East show "beyond all doubt the permanence and durability of Israel," and that the crisis in Hungary gives sharp proof of "the persistent need of large and growing numbers of Jews for rescue."

"The Jews of Israel," he declared, "and the free Jewish communities of the world, have made themselves the instrument of Jewish rescue and they have it in their power to insure freedom for many thousands of Jews in need of it."

He recalled for the delegates the events of the past decade, beginning with the liberation of the Hitler concentration camps. The Jews of the free world, he stated, made possible both the regeneration of those who survived the Hitler period and the reconstruction of the land of the Bible.

"Today, new dangers assail Jews in many lands," he asserted. "It must be our major concern at this time to protect the great achievements which have been made and to press forward with an even greater sense of urgency the historic effort of rescue and rehabilitation."

Gen. Yadin Warns of Possibility of Soviet-Arab Attack on Israel

The delegates heard also last night from UJA president Edward M. M. Warburg, who presided; UJA general chairman William Rosenwald; Morris W. Berinstein and Dewey D. Stone, national chairmen of the UJA, and from Gen. Yigael Yadin, former Commander of Israel's Defense Forces.

Gen. Yadin declared that the "introduction into Syria and Egypt of 300 trained Soviet pilots, 500 experienced Soviet tank corpsmen and a few hundred other Soviet men trained in the use of mechanized war machines that Moscow has delivered or might deliver, would be all the personnel needed to make possible a full-scale Arab attack on Israel, and start hostilities which could spread beyond that country."

"There is no use in waiting until large numbers of these 'volunteers' come in," General Yadin said, "before the free world becomes concerned. A big fire can come from a small spark." He pointed out that the small number of men required for such tactics could slip into any Arab state by twos or threes without attracting much attention.

Referring to Israel's recent Sinai action, he said that Israeli troops had "definitely heard Russian spoken by the operators of Egyptian tanks communicating by radio." He said that the clash of Israel's troops with Egyptian forces in the Sinai had punctured two Middle East myths, the myth of Arab unity, and the effectiveness of Nasser's attempt to turn Egypt into a military nation. "The Egyptian officers exhibited a shockingly low morale," he stated.

ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES TODAY 50 KILOMETERS FROM SUEZ CANAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 2. (JTA) -- All Israeli forces will be withdrawn 50 kilometers (32 miles) from the Suez Canal by tomorrow morning, Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, last night informed UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

"As a result of this and of other troop movements carried out pursuant to the policy of progressive withdrawal, another infantry brigade is now being moved entirely out of Egyptian territory into the territory of Israel, and has been demobilized," Mr. Eban said. "This is in addition to the withdrawals announced on November 24."

ISRAEL TO BUILD DEEP-WATER PORT AND CITY AT ASHDOT YAM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet decided today to go ahead with the building of a deep-water port and a city at Ashdot Yam, between the northern border of the Gaza Strip and the town of Ashkelon.

A contract for the building of the city of Ashdot Yam was signed today by representatives of the Israel Government and a group of investors headed by Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith. Mayor Oved Benami of Natanya, signed the contract on behalf of the investors.

The port, on which Israel has been planning for some time, would serve the Negev as an export center for its agricultural and mineral products. The port is expected to be deeper than Haifa, currently Israel's largest and busiest harbor.

ISRAEL STARTS LAYING OIL PIPELINE FROM ELATH TO BEERSHEBA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The work of laying a 144-mile long pipeline to carry oil from Elath to Beersheba was begun today. The oil line, to be constructed entirely from locally-produced steel pipe, is expected to take four months to complete.

JEWISH PROPERTY EXPROPRIATED BY EGYPT ESTIMATED AT \$1,700,000,000

ROME, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has moved to expropriate Jewish property in Egypt worth an estimated \$1,700,000,000, Italian Jews expelled from Egypt declared here today upon their arrival at the port of Brindisi.

The refugees, who arrived aboard a Greek vessel, numbered 120 Italian nationals, 15 British and 40 French Jews. Each carried a small suitcase with a few personal belongings and the equivalent of \$40--the maximum which the Egyptian authorities had permitted each to take from his own monies.

One-third of the Italian Jews had been released from prison to be allowed to leave. They reported that hundreds of other Jews had been arrested and mistreated in prisons where they were herded together with common criminals. Shops had been closed and shopkeepers dragged off to concentration camp, they said, and even inmates of Jewish old age homes had been thrown into prison in the Egyptian Government's anti-Jewish drive.

Unless the United Nations intervenes, the refugees declared, all the Jews in Egypt will be in danger of physical harm and expulsion. They urged the British, French, Italian and Greek Governments to intervene with Egypt to prevent the seizure of private Jewish assets. Reception and relief activities for the new waves of refugees has been organized by the United Jewish Community here and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Sweden Urges U. N. to Probe into Egypt's Deportation of Jews

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Sweden has requested that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld make an effort to find out what Egypt is doing in regard to deportations and persecutions of Jews, Osten Unden, Foreign Minister of Sweden, declared here.

"There have been reports these last few days of deportations of Jews from Egypt. I would like to express my sincere hope that these reports are unfounded or exaggerated. No doubt the Secretary General will feel entitled to establish the facts in this matter. It would be a terrible blow to our organization and to the principles it stands for if we, once more, would have to register anti-Semitic feelings and facts, adding to the tragedy we are witnessing in the Middle East these days."

Jewish Delegation Asks British Government to Act on Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews urged the British Government this week-end to take action in the United Nations and "other authoritative quarters" to bring about the cessation of "oppressive measures which are in operation against the Jews of Egypt and the restoration of their liberty and economic and other rights."

A deputation of Board leaders called on David Ormsby-Gore, Foreign Undersecretary, and W. F. Deedes, Joint Parliamentary Undersecretary of State at the Home Office, to make the plea for British Government assistance. The deputation asked further that Britain, in accordance with its best traditions, give asylum to those Jewish refugees from Egypt who asked to be admitted to this country.

Both government officials assured the Jewish leaders that representations would be made to try to halt Egyptian actions against the Jews and that the refugees would be "accorded earnest and sympathetic consideration."

The Board deputation, led by president Barnett Janner, included: Dr. S. Gaon, Haham of the Sephardic community; Abraham Moss, Manchester Alderman and senior vice-president of the Board; Rev. L. Levy, senior Jewish chaplain of Britain's armed forces, who represented the Chief Rabbi, and Board secretary A. G. Brotman.

Jewish Agency Prepares for Reception of Expelled Egyptian Jews

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency was making preparations today for the immediate reception and resettlement of the first group of expelled Egyptian Jews to come to Israel. They are due to arrive Tuesday.

The deported Jews arrived at Venice last Thursday. There they were met by Jewish Agency immigration personnel who immediately processed and transferred them to the S. S. Israel bound for Haifa. Twenty Hungarian Jewish refugees arrived in Israel today among some 800 immigrants debarked at Haifa.

ITALIAN PLANES FAIL TO ARRIVE IN ISRAEL TO TAKE WOUNDED EGYPTIANS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The scheduled repatriation of 27 seriously wounded Egyptian soldiers was postponed indefinitely today when two Italian planes which were to move the men to Cairo today failed to show up for some unknown reason. The transfer was to be effected by International Red Cross representatives and the Egyptian wounded had already been placed in ambulances to be taken to the airport.

LEHMAN APPEALS TO EISENHOWER TO ADMIT JEWS DEPORTED FROM EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman yesterday appealed to President Eisenhower to extend the special refugee program for Hungarian refugees to include also Jews deported from Egypt. He pointed out that the situation of the Jews now being deported from Egypt or interned in camps there "is analogous to what is going on in Hungary."

"Our United Nations delegation should be instructed to ask for UN inquiry into this situation," Sen. Lehman urged. "It is intolerable that Egypt which has been such a beneficiary of UN intervention should be permitted to trample on the UN Charter and Declaration of Human Rights."

The Rabbinical Alliance of America, an organization of Orthodox Rabbis and the national executive board of Brith Abraham, representing 300 lodges of the fraternal order, both sent messages to President Eisenhower asking him to do all that he can to end Egypt's action against her Jewish population.

A. D. L. ASKS FOR U. N. INVESTIGATION OF ANTI-JEWISH ACTION IN EGYPT

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith yesterday appealed to the United States mission to the United Nations to introduce a resolution before the General Assembly calling for "immediate dispatch of UN observers to Egypt to investigate the plight of its Jews." In a letter to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., head of the American delegation to the UN, Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the ADL, said that his organization had received authoritative evidence that:

1. Over 8,000 Jews are now in concentration camps or under some form of incarceration;
2. Close to 17,000 "stateless" Jews have been ordered to leave the country within 30 days;
3. An additional 4,000 Jews, citizens of foreign countries, have been given seven days to leave the country;
4. Jewish property worth almost \$100,000,000 has been confiscated or sequestered.

The ADL urged that these observers be asked to report their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly so that the UN could take appropriate action to "bring a halt to the terror being meted out to helpless victims."

U. S. LABOR MOVEMENT TO PRESS FOR DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Walter Feuther, vice-president of the AFL-CIO, promised today that the American labor movement would use its fullest influence with the United States Government to have it press for direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

He also said that the United Nations should exert influence to negotiate a peace settlement between Israel and the Arab States that would give Israel free passage through the Suez Canal, free entry to the Gulf of Elath and the elimination of military bases in the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Reuther stated his views in a cable to Histadruth general secretary Pinchus Laroni. He said that organized workers understood that Israel had no choice but to undertake its campaign against Egypt before Egypt had the opportunity to use Russian arms against Israel.

12,000 VOLUNTEERS START DECEMBER DRIVE FOR SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The observance of Israel Day today as an intensive nation-wide one-day drive for State of Israel Bonds marked the launching of an emergency campaign to sell \$15,000,000 in Israel bonds during December.

More than 12,000 volunteers took part in today's effort, which was held in Los Angeles, Hartford, Miami, Montreal, Atlanta, St. Louis, Jersey City, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago and many other key communities. Plans were announced by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO SPEND \$744,907 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS DURING 1957

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JT) -- Yeshiva University will spend a record total of \$744,907 during the 1956-57 academic year to provide scholarship aid for 83 percent of its student body, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, announced today. The 2,660 students are receiving tuition, dormitory and maintenance scholarships.

The scholarships are being given to residents of 25 states, the District of Columbia and 18 foreign countries. The largest blocs of foreign students receiving aid come from Israel and Canada. Other foreign countries included are: Ireland, Morocco, Switzerland, Venezuela, Nicaragua, South Africa, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Iran, France, Denmark, Ethiopia, Belgium, Romania and England.