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U.S. WILL NOT FORSAKE ISRAEL, GOLDMANN ASSURES ACTIONS COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, addressing the session of the Zionist Actions Committee here last night, predicted that the United States will identify itself more and more with the Asian bloc in order to prevent the Asian countries from identifying themselves with the Soviets.

This does not mean that if Israel's very existence is endangered, the United States will sit on sidelines to win Arab friendship, Dr. Goldmann stressed. He added that the United Nations has become a third world power, beside the United States and the Soviet Union, and pointed out that in the UN, the Asian countries have a growing influence.

If and when the United Nations establishes a commission to deal with the Arab-Israel question, such a commission may under the existing circumstances have a composition from which such peace proposals may result that it would perhaps be better for Israel to have the present status quo continued, Dr. Goldmann warned. He added that the political struggle for Israel may be a long one and that there are many dangers ahead.

The world Zionist leader emphasized that while American Jewry is solidly behind Israel, it is not "in Israel's pocket." American Jewry, he said, is an "independent factor" and must be cultivated and educated by Israel. He emphasized that while American Jews are ready to oppose the State Department's Middle East policy, they will not go against American Jews. "There is no reason to complain about American Jewry" with regard to their attitude on the Sinai crisis, Dr. Goldmann stated.

Reporting on Zionist activities in the United States, Dr. Goldmann said that Zionist leadership and activity during the Sinai crisis--as in general at present--was less evident because independent Zionist action was less necessary in view of the fact that the "Presidents Club," in which presidents of 16 major American Jewish organizations are participating, is working effectively. But the Zionist leadership in the United States is active, he assured the Actions Committee.

Dr. Goldmann dwelt at great length on the generosity of American Jewry this year in its financial assistance to Israel. He reported that the United Jewish Appeal will this year raise probably more than in any other year in its existence. Also, that Israel bonds are being sold more than during the first year when the sale of bonds was launched in the United States.

With regard to the fact that the Zionist movement has not shown sufficient political initiative, Dr. Goldmann pointed out that for eight years the movement has been trained not to mix in political problems. The movement, he said, has not been consulted by Israel and is receiving only scarce information from Israel. "Despite all this, American Jewry is fully supporting Israel," he stressed.

70,000 Immigrants Due in Israel During Next Nine Months

S. Z. Shragai, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, told the Actions Committee this morning that arrangements must be made to receive 70,000 immigrants in the next nine months. He said that 100,000 North African Jews were deeply disappointed in the Agency and in the Jewish nation because it had failed to remove them from North Africa. It is imperative, he insisted, that all Jews be mobilized to save those who are in urgent need of emigration at this time.

Mr. Shragai estimated that there were more than 5,000 Jewish refugees among 120,000 persons who had fled Hungary, explaining that there were relatively few Jews living in the areas from which the refugees came. He admitted that anti-Israel propaganda among the refugees had kept many of them from registering for immigration to Israel, but that the situation had changed recently, particularly since representatives of the Klauswitzer Rabbi have been circulating among the refugees stressing positive reasons for going to Israel.

The Agency immigration leader discounted reports that the expulsion of Jews from Egypt and the wholesale confiscation of their property resulted from Israel's Sinai operation. He said that he had information that indicated that the Egyptian authorities had planned these moves before the Sinai campaign.

He reported on the details of Egyptian torture of 34 Jews who arrived here today after being imprisoned 24 days in Egypt and then expelled. Egyptian jailors, he said, refused

the Jews elementary sanitation facilities, compelled them to hold their hands above their heads for two days and beat them whenever exhaustion forced them to lower their arms, and otherwise abused them.

Stand of American Jewry Lauded by Israel's Foreign Minister

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 12. (JTA) -- American Jewry is "a hundred percent" behind Israel in the present crisis, according to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. The Israeli diplomat made that statement here today upon her return from another overnight speaking engagement.

"Not since 1948," said Mrs. Meir, "have I noted that enthusiastic a response to Israel's problems, or such understanding of our country's position among the Jews of America." Mrs. Meir has been speaking at State of Israel Bond rallies and at other meetings in various parts of the country, sandwiching in her hurried trips between arduous duties as head of the Israel delegation.

"I find," she declared, "that the American Jews turn out in large numbers -- larger than in any years since 1948 -- and that they are full of confidence in Israel, full of hope on behalf of Israel, in complete sympathy with everyone of Israel's current problems whether in the realm of politics or regard to the country's security, or in regard to the need for bolstering Israel's economy. It has been very encouraging and invigorating."

KNESS ET MAKES AMENDS TO FAMILIES OF ARABS SLAIN AS CURFEW VIOLATORS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament made amends today to the families of 49 Arab curfew-violators in villages of the "Little Triangle" who were slain by Israel police during the Sinai operation. The Knesset expressed its sympathy to the bereaved families after Premier David Ben Gurion assured it that the commander and others of the guard were being put on trial and would be punished and financial compensation was being paid to the families of the victims.

Mr. Ben Gurion described the episode as a "terrible tragedy" which occurred at a time of intensified fedayeen activity and the start of the Sinai operation made a curfew on a number of Arab villages near the border a necessity. A border patrol unit enforcing the curfew, he said, fired on inhabitants in a few villages who came home after the curfew "in all innocence," he said, killing the number. The affair happened on the night of October 29.

The commander of the unit and several of the men under his command are to stand trial for their crime and will undoubtedly receive their due punishment, Mr. Ben Gurion declared. Compensation ranging from IL 1,000 to IL 5,000 had been paid to each bereaved family. The Premier reminded the house that a commission of inquiry had been set up on November 1 to establish the circumstances of this "terrible occurrence," and the degree of responsibility of the personnel.

SOVIET-EGYPTIAN ARMS DEAL COSTS ISRAEL \$91,500,000 FOR DEFENSE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Israel spent some 165,000,000 pounds (\$91,500,000) for defense purposes in the last six months as a direct result of the Soviet-Egyptian arms deal, Treasury figures released today indicated.

The figures revealed that more than 116,000,000 pounds of the total was a deficit covered chiefly by loans from the state bank and by foreign currency receipts. Nearly 49,000,000 pounds was covered by voluntary contributions and special defense taxes. The deficit spending had no important inflationary effect on the Israeli economy because most of the purchase orders were placed abroad and paid for in foreign currency.

HAIFA-LYDDA RAIL LINE BLASTED; FOOTPRINTS TRACKED TO JORDAN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Haifa-Lyddra rail line was blasted south of Hadera early this morning. A freight train which was passing when the landmine was detonated was not damaged, although the track was ripped up.

A second, unexploded mine, was discovered later when the police inspected the scene of the ambush. Footprints from the scene were tracked to the Jordanian border.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT, JEWISH AGENCY ESTABLISH LOAN FUND FOR IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A new loan fund to provide working capital for immigrants who are businessmen or professionals was established jointly today by the Israel Government, Jewish Agency and Bank Leumi, the central bank of Israel.

The fund, capitalized at 1,850,000 pounds, will lend a maximum of 7,500 pounds for a seven year period, on condition that the borrower match the loan pound for pound from his own funds. The loan fund idea was first proposed by L. Dultzin, head of the Agency's economic department.

U. S. AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO WARNS NASSER AGAINST DEPORTATION OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- State Department press spokesman Joseph Reep said today that the U. S. Ambassador to Egypt has told Egyptian President Nasser that if reports of Jewish deportations are valid, the Egyptian action would cause "strong public reaction." State Department sources, meanwhile, indicated that the Department believes that Egypt's deportation of Jews has ceased.

CHIEF RABBI OF EGYPT REPORTED TO BE HELD UNDER HOUSE ARREST

TEL. VIV, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Haim Nahoum of Egypt is under house arrest and is not allowed out of his home, even to attend synagogue services, a party of 34 Egyptian Jews who arrived here today reported.

The Jews, all of whom had been expelled from Egypt, told the now familiar story of Egyptian raids on November 1 against Jews, their arrest and imprisonment and, finally, their deportation. A number of the Jews in today's group held Italian nationality.

AUSTRIA AGREES TO ESTABLISH A CAMP FOR 1,300 HUNGARIAN JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has agreed to establish a camp for some 1,300 Hungarian Jewish refugees at Bad Kreutzen, in Upper Austria, in view of the inability of the Jewish community and Jewish welfare organizations to find quarters for the newly arriving refugees.

The Joint Distribution Committee, which has mobilized top staff members from other European countries and put them to work on the Hungarian refugee problem, has merged its staff with that of the Vienna Jewish community here to better coordinate welfare activities. The Agudas Israel organization here is providing 2,000 kosher meals a day for Orthodox refugees.

Although 90 percent of the refugees now want to leave Austria for permanent settlement elsewhere, less than 1,000 have left for Israel, Britain, Canada and the United States. Immigration moves so slowly that no more than 3,000 to 4,000 of the Jewish refugees are expected to leave Austria by the end of the year.

The stream of refugees continues to flow from Hungary. As of now an estimated 6,500 Hungarian Jews are in Austria. About 5,000 are in Vienna and the others are in small cities and towns and in camps.

J. D. C. and OSE Study Health Facilities for Hungarian Refugees

PARIS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The majority of the 6,000-odd Jewish refugees from Hungary who are now in Austria are young adults and children and their health appears to be very satisfactory. Dr. Lev Zelmanovits, administrator of the World OSE Union, reported here today upon his return from a visit to Vienna.

During his Austrian trip Dr. Zelmanovits, accompanied by Dr. William Schmidt, head of the Joint Distribution Committee health department, inspected the health facilities available to the refugees. They found that once a refugee registers with the Austrian police he is entitled to full service from the national health services without discrimination. "A refugee can be admitted to any hospital or treated by doctors on the social security rolls or, in case of emergency, by physicians in private practice."

Arrangements have been made with the Jewish Hospital of Vienna to care for the chronically ill. Dr. Zelmanovitz reported. Other arrangements have been made to supervise the sanitation in accommodations provided the refugees in Vienna and elsewhere in Austria, while plans are under way to turn the Vienna Hebrew School into a day nursery for children of the refugees. Dr. Zelmanovits paid tribute to the work of Dr. Otto Vinken, head of the Vienna Community's health department, for his tireless efforts in behalf of the refugees, especially the children.

Orthodox Jewish Groups Send Aid for Refugees in Vienna

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The World Agudas Israel Organization announced today that it had air shipped 35 bales of clothing and cases of food to Vienna for Hungarian Jewish refugees. It also said that it had received assurances from the Hungarian Minister to Switzerland that the Janos Kadar Government have taken "all effective measures" to suppress any anti-Jewish disturbances.

The Mizrahi Federation of Great Britain appealed today for funds to aid Hungarian Jewish refugees arriving in Vienna. The Mizrahi statement said that Jewish refugees are still coming in large numbers and that Mizrahi funds are exhausted. Mizrahi and Labor Mizrahi in Vienna have mobilized all their resources, manpower and funds for rescue and relief work, the Federation reported.

Jewish Refugees from Hungary Arrive in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish refugees from Hungary arrived here today by way of the United States. The Agudath Israel of Mexico has raised an emergency fund to aid Jews arriving from Hungary.

ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE BILL BANNING SHECHITA FAILS IN COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The House of Commons rejected today an attempt to introduce a bill banning shechita, the Jewish method of ritual slaughter. The vote on the private bill was 178 to 132.

Opening a short debate, Conservative Member R. F. Crouch, author of the bill, said he wanted to make it clear that he was not anti-Semitic. In an allusion to Moses, whom he called the first Minister of Health, Mr. Crouch granted that there were health reasons in Moses' day for the Jewish method of slaughter, but he wanted to amend current regulations on slaughter in Britain so that the Jewish ritual method, which he considered cruel, be banned.

He noted that most of the cattle which fed London were killed by shechita, regardless of who ate the meat; he believed non-Jews would prefer more humane methods of slaughter for the meat they ate. Mr. Crouch was interrupted by Martin Lindsay, Conservative, who said he had visited a slaughterhouse this morning and had witnessed the Jewish method of slaughter. "I've seen these animals killed by the Jewish method and can say there is absolutely nothing cruel about it whatever," Mr. Lindsay declared.

Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid, a Jew and a Conservative, denied that shechita was any less humane than other methods of slaughter. He reported that four non-Jewish MPs visited a slaughterhouse earlier today to witness shechita and had found it no more cruel than any other method of slaughter. He also pointed out that some 450 eminent figures in this country and Europe, including medical and health authorities--all non-Jews--had expressed the opinion that shechita was one of the most humane methods of slaughter.

J. R. S. O. MEETS IN NEW YORK; REPORTS ON BULK SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A review of Jewish Restitution Successor Organization operations at the ninth annual meeting of its board of directors held last night highlighted the successful conclusion of bulk settlement agreements with the German Federal Government and the City of West Berlin of claims for heirless Jewish assets.

The meeting under the chairmanship of Monroe Goldwater honored Benjamin B. Ferencz upon the completion of his services as director general of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization in Germany. Dr. Israel Goldstein, who was elected president of the JRSO for 1956-57, praised Mr. Ferencz for his imaginative direction of the affairs of the JRSO, which provided millions of dollars for programs to assist Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

Other officers elected include: Mr. Goldwater, chairman of the executive committee; Jacob Blaustein, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Nehemiah Robinson; Herman Simon and Edward M. M. Warburg, vice-presidents; Dr. Herman Gray and Shad Polier, co-treasurers; Saul Kagan, secretary.

U.S. MOTION PICTURE GROUP SUSPENDS SHIPMENT OF FILMS TO EGYPT

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Motion Picture Export Association has suspended shipment of films to Egypt pending investigation of reports that the Egyptian authorities demand proof that none of the players in the films are Jewish and that no Jews are on the companies' boards. Variety, the theatrical newspaper, reported today.

The paper said the association is awaiting a report from Charles Baldwin, its representative in Italy, who has been ordered to precede to Egypt to study the situation. It stated that in response to a query as to whether American companies "would put up with a situation under which only films using Aryan players could be shipped into Egypt," an official of the export agency said "he wasn't sure but that he didn't think so."

Variety said that Jewish film company personnel in Egypt, including one or two local managers, have been "forced to leave as part of the general Egyptian crackdown on persons of Jewish faith."

\$243,000 RAISED AT DINNER FOR COMBINED CAMPAIGN OF REFORM JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The sum of \$243,000 was raised here last night for the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism at a dinner attended by 500 leaders representing 76 New York Reform congregations. The campaign is seeking to raise \$2,548,789 nationally, with the New York goal set at \$537,500.

The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism is the national fund-raising arm of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of 536 Reform congregations, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the oldest Jewish theological college in the United States.

WORLDWIDE OBSERVANCE TODAY OF MEMORIAL DAY FOR JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Prayers tonight in the "Chamber of Ashes" in the memorial on Mt. Zion for six million Jews murdered by the Nazis ushered in a worldwide observance of Memorial Day for the Jewish martyrs. Tomorrow Rabbi D. Cahana, Warsaw's last Chief Rabbi, will lead a pilgrimage to the memorial.