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DR. GOLDMANN VOICES APPEAL TO ARAB LEADERS TO REACH PEACE WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, appealed tonight to the Arab leaders to accept the repeatedly proffered Israeli hand of friendship and cooperation. He voiced his appeal at the opening session of the four-day meeting of the world executive of the WJC here which is attended by delegates from Jewish groups in 20 countries.

"Despite all belligerent and hostile Arab utterances," Dr. Goldmann said, "I venture from this platform, representing Jewish communities all over the world, to appeal to the leaders of the Arab world to make an end to the destructive character of their policies, to let wisdom determine their attitude rather than emotions, tolerance rather than stubbornness, goodwill rather than hatred, and to accept the hand stretched out to them again and again by Israel and the Jewish people for friendship and cooperation."

If not, the WJC leader warned, the Middle East area "will remain for years to come one of tension and bitterness and hatred, and an explosive sphere dangerous to the peace of the world. There is no area in the world as explosive today as the Middle East and the events of the last few months have proven how easily a world conflagration could start from this area."

But, Dr. Goldmann told the delegates, just this inherent danger has induced him to be more hopeful than in past years and to believe that the status quo would not continue for very long. "The Great Powers of the world and public opinion everywhere have become dramatically aware of the perilous character of the Near East tension which has its main source in the unsettled Arab-Israel relations," Dr. Goldmann asserted. "And as I believe that none of the Great Powers of today are interested in a world conflict and that both the Eastern and Western blocs want peace, I hope that despite all appearances that the day is not far when the Great Powers will take matters into their own hands and try to stabilize the Near East."

This could be done under the present circumstances only on the basis of some agreement or understanding between the two blocs "and maybe by a mutual understanding and willingness to keep out of this area of the cold war and of conflicts between the two blocs," Dr. Goldmann stated.

"None of the blocs could stabilize the area by itself," he continued, "and nothing would be more beneficial to the peace of the world than some kind of agreement which would allow the peoples of the Near East to devote themselves to the development of their countries instead of being used as puppets and instruments of the Big Powers and allowing them to blackmail these Big Powers with the net result of increasing tension and peril to the peace of the world."

Urges Israel and Arabs Not to Wait for Imposed Settlement

It would be "much more in consonance with the dignity and historical record of the peoples of the Near East," he added, "both for Israel and the Arab states not to wait until the Big Powers may impose some settlement over their heads, but to take the initiative, work our relations by themselves and together insist on being kept out of the rivalries and competition and devote their tremendous resources to creative and peaceful endeavors."

Reviewing other world Jewish problems, Dr. Goldmann said that in North Africa Jews had managed to establish relations and understanding and even friendship, with many of the leaders of Morocco and Tunisia. The promises these leaders had given and the pledges they had made regarding security and equality for the Jewish communities, he stressed, they had fulfilled. The problems for these Jewish communities, he noted, were to reorganize community life, improve their economic position which had suffered together with that of other sectors of the population, and to safeguard the inherent and natural right to emigrate for those who wanted it.

As for the delicate Algerian situation, Dr. Goldmann did not discuss it in detail, except to say that the World Jewish Congress would support the Algerian Jewish community in what they felt were their best interest and would back them in their natural

insistence that whatever the final solution of the Algerian problem, the rights and equalities which Algerian Jews enjoy today should continue under any new set-up.

Concerning Egypt, Dr. Goldmann reported that the situation had improved with the relaxation of most of the anti-Jewish measures imposed last November, but it was likely that thousands of Jews would leave Egypt in the near future primarily because of the violent Arabization of business and Egyptian life which makes it nearly impossible for all foreigners or stateless Jews to continue to work and live in Egypt.

A major problem which remained with regard to Egypt, Dr. Goldmann continued, was the restoration of the fortunes taken away from the Jews who had emigrated. Consideration would have to be given to the best methods to get at least partial restitution, he said. "On the record of modern Egypt this is a shameful blot which will remain forever," he declared.

Says Jews Must Place Problem of Soviet Jewry Before World

Turning to Eastern Europe, Dr. Goldmann expressed the view that the time had come when the Jewish organizations, and certainly the World Jewish Congress, should not hesitate any longer to put the problem of Eastern European and specifically Soviet Jewry before the world, as it may be the major Jewish problem today.

The main problem, he maintained, was not anti-Semitism but that a "state of affairs prevails, especially in the Soviet Union, which, if continued, condemns the Jewish community in the long run to disappear as Jews" if they are not granted conditions and the opportunity of living a distinctive Jewish life.

"We, as the Jewish people, must demand publicly and with all the influence at our disposal that the wrong done three million Soviet Jews be rectified and that the Jews get the same facilities as other national and religious minorities in the Soviet Union, namely the right to organize and have their institutions and their culture. We will never give up these demands," Dr. Goldmann vowed.

"It is not a fight against the Soviet Union, as such," he went on. "We ask from the Soviet Union what we ask from any country in the world--whatever its regime and social system--the right for its Jewish citizens to live in full equality and the right of the Jewish community to maintain its identity. As long as this is not granted," he insisted, "the Soviet Union will continue to do wrong to the Jewish people and we, with the courage and stubbornness of our race, will continue to insist on these rights."

Dr. Goldmann further stated that world Jewry would continue to demand the right of emigration from the Soviet Union for Jews who wish it. He expressed the conviction that this generation would see the day when large numbers of Soviet Jews would go to Israel. He condemned the Soviet Union's present anti-Israel policy, which he called "partisanship unworthy of a Big Power and which is defeating the USSR's own peace aims."

In conclusion, Dr. Goldmann declared: "We pledge that we who could not prevent the annihilation of six million of our people will not rest and relax until we have fulfilled these two sacred obligations, bring back the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe into the fold of Jewish life and, with their help, to make Israel secure."

BEN GURION ASKS HAMMARSKJOLD TO COME TO ISRAEL; SAYS HE IS WELCOME

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- An exchange of letters between United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Premier David Ben Gurion including a message cabled to New York last night which constituted an invitation, was released here today by Israeli officials. The release of the message followed two days of confused reports at UN headquarters in New York and here.

Meanwhile, no final word has been received from Mr. Hammarskjold on whether he will visit Israel. (In New York last night, embarking for a flight to Rome from where he will go to Geneva, the Secretary General said he was "not certain" whether he would go to Israel).

In his latest message, the Premier informed Mr. Hammarskjold that he would be welcome in Israel if he wishes to come. He did note, however, that in any discussions Israel would put chief stress on the question of Egyptian belligerency (on which Mr. Hammarskjold has so far failed to achieve progress).

Mr. Ben Gurion further said that there is always room for an exchange of views and in Israel's view the Secretary General is welcome whenever he wishes to visit a member nation of the UN. Even if there were no immediate results from such conversations, Mr. Ben Gurion indicated, long-term benefits may accrue from a clarification of opinions.

Israeli officials denied press reports to the effect that Mr. Ben Gurion told Mr. Hammarskjold that there was little sense to any discussions on Israel-Egyptian relations as long as Egypt claims belligerency.

The Foreign Ministry announced late yesterday that James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's special representative to the Middle East on the Eisenhower Doctrine had postponed his visit to Israel, which was scheduled for early in May. Israeli newspapers asserted today that the U.S. feared an unfavorable reaction by Egypt if Mr. Richards went to Israel at this time.

ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS RABBIS ADVOCATED AT REFORM JUDAISM CONVENTION

TORONTO, April 29. (JTA) -- A plea for the ordination of women as rabbis and for their wider participation in the leadership of Jewish religious affairs was made here at the 44th general biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as it went into its second day of a full week of deliberations.

Jane Evans, executive director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, an affiliate of the UAHC, told more than 1,000 women delegates that "women are uniquely suited by temperament, institution and spiritual sensitivity to be rabbis. If women can serve as teachers, they can serve as preachers, too," she declared. "Not a few women in Biblical times rose to the greatest heights of spiritual leadership, and their examples stand to this very day as inspiration not merely to their own sex but to all humanity," she added.

Endorsement of the stand taken by Miss Evans was given later in the day by Rabbi Barnett Brickner of Cleveland, past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which represents the Reform rabbinate. Rabbi Brickner expressed the belief that "many women would be attracted to a career in the rabbinate" and stated that "the Reform movement, which was the first to pioneer the equality of women in the synagogue, must take the next necessary steps to make this complete."

MEMBERSHIP IN JEWISH CENTERS GROWS FROM 445,000 TO 581,000 IN DECADE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish Centers and YM-YWHA's has increased from 295 in 1946 to 352 in 1956. Total membership has increased from 445,000 to 581,000 during the decade.

These facts are revealed in the annual report of the National Jewish Welfare Board made public today. The report establishes that $17,276,000 were spent by local communities during 1956 for Jewish center activities and construction work on new centers, amounting to $4,700,000, is now under way in a number of communities.

The report deals also with other activities of the JWB and shows that Jewish chaplains conducted 17,000 religious services attended by 500,000 worshippers at more than 1,000 Army, Navy and Air Force installations in 65 countries and at 172 veterans hospitals in the United States. The JWB is the government-authorized agency for servicing the religious, welfare and morale needs of Jewish military personnel and hospitalized veterans, and is the national association of Jewish community centers.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM CONFERENCE URGES CHECK ON U.J.A. ALLOCATIONS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism concluded today its four-day annual conference with the adoption of resolutions directed against the United Jewish Appeal and against Zionism. The conference called upon "Americans of all faiths to reject the Zionist-fostered concept that the State of Israel is in any sense a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy or the real or fancied 'homeland' of American Jews."

With regard to the United Jewish Appeal, the Council resolution suggested Jewish community leaders "responsible for the contractual linking of their local welfare funds with the United Jewish Appeal demand of the UJA a detailed accounting of the manner in which the huge funds raised in 1956 were spent. On the basis of such an accounting--if it is provided--we hope local fund executives will be impelled to demand, a) that similar accountings be made in the future and b) that any diversion of philanthropic funds for political purposes be discontinued," the resolution said.

Clarence L. Coleman Jr., of Chicago, president of the Council since 1955, was re-elected to serve a second two-year term. Richard L. Simon of Great Neck, N.Y., president of the New York chapter of the ACJ, was chosen Greater New York City regional vice-president, a newly created post.

(The American Council for Judaism was accused tonight by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, of giving "aid and comfort to avowed enemies of Israel who are intent upon destroying this single bastion of democratic strength in the Middle East." Rabbi Miller addressed a Zionist rally on the eve of the ninth independence anniversary of the State of Israel, which will be officially celebrated next Monday.)

U.J.A. TELECAST HIGHLIGHTS GRAVITY OF JEWISH REFUGEE SITUATION

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- An effort to secure $50,000,000 in cash towards the overall United Jewish Appeal campaign by June 8, was pledged tonight by UJA leaders to meet the needs of Jewish refugees now streaming into Israel, and the needs of refugees requiring aid in other overseas areas, during a coast-to-coast closed circuit telecast, which was held to celebrate Israel's ninth anniversary.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, told Ambassador of Israel to the U.S., Abba Eban, that the American Jewish community would go all out to secure the $50,000,000. Other guests who appeared in the telecast included: Dublin's Lord Mayor, Robert Briscoe; General Chaim Laskov of the Israel Army; Edward M.M. Warburg, honorary chairman of the UJA; Morris Berinstein, president of the UJA; and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA.

N. Y. A. N. A. SEEKS $1,500,000 IN 1957 FOR JEWISH REFUGEE WORK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 Jewish refugees have been successfully settled in New York City since 1949, when the New York Association for New Americans was organized, it was reported here tonight at the annual board meeting of the agency, at which Richard W. Dammann was re-elected to a fourth term as president.

"With the possible exception of Israel," Mr. Dammann said, "the New York Association has dealt with the actual integration of more human beings into the complex existence of civilization today than any other single agency in any land anywhere." He added that more than 3,600 Jewish newcomers, two-thirds of whom were Hungarian, were aided by the agency in the first quarter of 1957.

In 1956, the agency provided housing, jobs, maintenance, medical and dental care and other essential needs for more than 5,000 refugees. The agency spent $680,950 for its services to newcomers in 1956 and will require $1,500,000 for an expanded program in 1957. The Association is a beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

A report on the adjustment of Jewish Hungarian refugees settled in New York by the Association was made by Philip Soskis, executive director of the agency. With the exception of ten recently arrived Hungarians, all the families are settled in homes established and furnished by the agency, he reported. Nearly $100,000 has been spent in the last three months on furniture alone, he said. A spot-check of 85 families, including visits to homes and employers, revealed that adjustment has been exceptionally rapid.

WOLLMAN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES $6,600,000 IN GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Some $6,600,000 in grants to educational, medical and welfare agencies were announced here yesterday by the William J. Wollman Foundation, set up by Miss Kate Wollman, sister of the late Jewish financier and philanthropist. The grants virtually exhaust the foundation's assets.

Among the grants were : $1,000,000 to Mt. Sinai Hospital; $200,000 to Montefiore Hospital; $250,000 to Maimonides Hospital; $92,000 to the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind; $100,000 to the Jewish Child Care Association of New York, $100,000 to the 92nd St. YM-YWHA and $100,000 to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University. All these institutions are located in New York.

U. S. CONTRIBUTES $250,000 TO BALTIMORE JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Senators John Marshall Butler and J. Glenn Beall, both of Maryland, announced today that payment of $250,000 toward the construction cost of a diagnostic and treatment center for the Jewish Medical Center, Baltimore, has been approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Federal funds for the project will be provided under the Hill-Burton Act and will be in addition to other funds approved under the act for the medical center last year. The total cost of the project is figured at approximately $1,025,794. The application for the government assistance was made by Harry Greenstein, secretary of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

ISRAEL BOND DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; HEADED BY DR. SCHWARTZ

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- An Israel bond delegation composed of 29 American and Canadian businessmen and communal leaders, headed by Dr. Joseph J. Shcwartz, executive vice president of the bond organization, arrived here last night.

The group, which came to Israel on the invitation of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, will study the Israeli economic scene, spending most of its time on the projects in Israel requiring the cooperation of the bond organization. The American and Canadian leaders will also participate in Israel's celebration of its ninth Independence Day.

In a short statement upon the arrival of the group, Dr. Schwartz pledged the organization's fullest moral and material support for Israel's struggle to preserve its freedom and independence and at the same time absorb the new wave of immigrants.

ZIONIST LABOR CONFERENCE PLEDGES INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO U. J. A.

CHICAGO, April 29. (JTA) -- More than 500 delegates representing the labor Zionist movement in the Middle West adopted a resolution here yesterday to make every effort possible in their respective communities "to double and triple" contributions to the United Jewish Appeal. The resolution was adopted at the conclusion of a one-day conference held at the Palmer House.

Addressing the conference, Rep. Emanuel Celler charged that there is ample provision in the immigration laws for President Eisenhower to act with regard to the admission of Jews, expelled from Egypt, to the United States. "To slam the door to them," he declared, "is disgraceful."