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\$14, 000, 000 IN CASH PRESENTED AT U. J. A. PARLEY; \$44, 865, 000 REACHED

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today reached a mid-year standing of \$44, 865, 000 in cash against this year's pledges as funds totalling \$14, 000, 000 were brought forward here by representatives of local campaigns across the nation.

More than 800 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country attending the final session of the two-day National Rescue Conference of the United Jewish Appeal at the Hotel Roosevelt participated in this demonstration of American Jewry's resolve to do everything in its power to rescue and resettle at least 100, 000 Jewish refugees from oppression who are fleeing Egypt, Hungary, North Africa and Eastern Europe.

The Conference adopted a resolution calling upon American Jewry "to match the superhuman effort of the people of Israel in helping to absorb the new flood of refugees." Noting that American Jewry had been "awakened to its role and responsibility in the transmigration of Jews fleeing from terror, persecution and insecurity," the resolution stated that the United Jewish Appeal has "high hopes that the Jews of the United States will not relax in their efforts until every Jew uprooted from his home has been resettled in Israel or some other free land."

Of the \$44, 865, 000 in cash, \$32, 540, 000 represents payment of pledges to the regular 1957 campaign while the remaining \$12, 325, 000 constitutes payment on pledges made to the \$100, 000, 000 Emergency Rescue Fund. The regular campaign provides for the work of UJA's three constituent agencies--the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and New York Association for New Americans. The Emergency Rescue Fund was set up this year to save and resettle an anticipated 100, 000 or more new Jewish refugees in 1957.

William Rosenwald, UJA general chairman, declared that the meeting was an expression of the delegates' "feelings of responsibility to our fellow humans who are in trouble or in want. We are dealing not simply with one refugee problem, but with one hundred thousand or one hundred and twenty thousand or one hundred and fifty thousand refugee problems. When we say every \$1, 000 saves a life, we are speaking the literal truth."

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, declared that the "\$44, 865, 000 is the greatest sum of cash brought in since 1949 for any first six-month period of the campaign." He added that "the raising of \$44, 865, 000 in cash in the past six months was made possible because the UJA is fortunate in having in its top leadership men and women of the highest calibre--dedicated persons who place their desire to help their fellow men above all other desires." He cited the fact that 30 top UJA leaders had travelled 2, 500, 000 miles and visited 250 American communities in behalf of the Emergency Rescue Fund and regular 1957 campaign.

Eban Reports Improved Relations between the U.S. and Israel

The delegates heard Israel Ambassador Abba Eban declare that Israel's relationship with the United States has been steered through "a heavy tempest of crisis" into "a more trustful atmosphere." They also heard Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Senate Majority Leader, declare that Israel stands today as a "permanent and enduring sanctuary in the midst of what was once a desert."

"The statements which we recently exchanged in Washington commit both our governments to resistance to aggression--and to vigilant respect for territorial integrity and political independence of Israel, as of other Middle Eastern States," Ambassador Eban told the UJA leaders. He noted that as a result of Israel's victory in the Sinai Nasser's despotism in Egypt now encounters a broader volume of salutary distrust throughout the world than ever before. "We shall not be faithful to this time of peace unless we make it a period of growing strength for Israel," the Ambassador said. "To strengthen Israel and to promote peace in the Middle East are absolutely equivalent and identical terms."

Israel's chief concern today, he pointed out, is on the economic front "where arrival of new immigrants creates both a blessing and a problem. We trust that friendly

governments and organizations will perceive the urgent need of helping Israel sustain its new burdens and that the United Jewish Appeal will, as always, blaze the trail towards Israel's progress and salvation."

Dr. Goldmann Expresses Hope Moscow Will Permit Jewish Emigration

Addressing the conference, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, drew the attention of the delegates to the fact that "Israel has once again entered an era of large-scale immigration," because the ban on immigration to Israel which certain Communist countries had imposed in the past few years has now been lifted to permit reunion of families.

"We are indeed grateful to those East European governments that have permitted this emigration in the face of difficulties and objections within their own ranks," Dr. Goldmann continued, "but the very fact that the Governments of Poland and Hungary have permitted large-scale reunion of families, justifies our hopes that other East European countries, including the Soviet Union itself, may likewise one day permit Israel-bound immigration."

Dr. Goldmann reported that the new immigration wave was bringing a new type of settler to Israel, "a type of immigrant that Israel badly missed in the past few years--men and women with talents and skills, knowledge and invaluable experience, capable of contributing immeasurably to Israel's economic and intellectual growth." This immigration, if continued, he said, may alter many aspects of Israel's sociological physiognomy.

"Now, for the first time, an opportunity has presented itself to save that part of the Jewish people that contributed, in the course of several centuries, the central ideas which still inspire and guide contemporary Jewish life the world over. The redemption of these thousands of Jews whom their governments permit to emigrate and whom Israel is eager to receive, depends exclusively on the financial and economic assistance extended by Jews everywhere," Dr. Goldmann emphasized.

The delegates voted the resolution today to intensify fund-raising efforts to continue the resettlement of refugees in Israel and other free countries after hearing a report on the progress of immigration to Israel and a projection of the rate of refugee flow during the remainder of 1957 from Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Mr. Leavitt pointed out that in the first five months of 1957 some 60,000 men, women and children, chiefly from Eastern Europe, Egypt and North Africa, were moved to places of refuge with UJA aid. The vast majority--some 42,000--received haven in Israel; between 8,000 and 9,000 were moved to the United States, South America and other areas while a similar number were given temporary refuge in Europe. Stressing the fact that "we are today in the midst of the greatest movement of Jewish refugees since 1949 and 1950," Mr. Leavitt hailed the response of American Jews to the refugee crisis.

ISRAEL AWAITS FRANCE'S ACTION ON SUEZ SHIPPING; WILL FOLLOW LEAD

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Israel will make no effort to send cargoes through the Suez Canal unless France agrees to authorize its shippers to use the canal, a spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry declared here today. He was amplifying a statement made last Friday by Premier David Ben Gurion to a group of Hebrew editors that Israel would first test Egypt's attitude toward Israeli cargoes by sending them through the Suez Canal in foreign bottoms.

Premier Ben Gurion also told the editors that he is determined to send "at the appropriate time" an Israeli ship through the Suez Canal and that this was essential "to demonstrate Egypt's behavior to the world." With regard to the passage of Israeli ships through the Gulf of Akaba, Mr. Ben Gurion said that Israel "would meet force with force" if her ships were molested in their passage through the gulf.

(In Damascus, Syrian Premier Sabri Assali threatened today that "Israeli ships will never pass through the Suez Canal or the Gulf of Akaba.")

NEW OIL WELL DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL; EXPERT FINDS IT "QUITE SATISFACTORY"

TEL AVIV, June 9. (JTA) -- An oil gusher erupted Saturday morning in a new oil well at Brur two kilometers south of the most southern Heletz oil well. A steam test brought in the oil from a depth of 5,000 feet, the same level as that of most wells in the Heletz field.

The new well was called "quite satisfactory" by Israel Barnea, director of the Mezada Company which is cooperating with Israeli oil prospectors and Lapidot companies who own the new well. Mr. Barnea said the new well might indicate a new field since it was found under a different geologic structure than that of the Heletz field, though extension of the Heletz field was possible.

MINE LAID BY ARAB INFILTRATORS EXPLODES; WOUNDS JERUSALEM MAYOR'S SON

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Dan Agronsky, son of Jerusalem's Mayor Gershon Agron, was wounded early this morning when the car in which he was riding struck a landmine planted by infiltrators from the Gaza Strip on a road near Nachal Oz.

EBAN DISCUSSES U. S. ECONOMIC AID FOR ISRAEL WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban this week-end discussed U.S. economic aid for the coming fiscal year with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. He declined to mention an estimate of the amount Israel might expect for the new year. Meir Sherman, Israeli economic expert, participated in the 45-minute meeting.

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador called on Mr. Rountree this week-end to complain against "Israeli fleet movements" in the Gulf of Akaba. The Ambassador alleged that Israeli naval vessels fired on the Saudi coast. He gave Mr. Rountree the same report Saudi Arabia submitted last week to the United Nations.

SENATE HEARS PLEA FOR U. S. ACTION AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- Chairman Hubert H. Humphrey of a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern problems yesterday called Senate attention to new Arab barriers against U.S. trade with Israel and suggested diplomatic action against the boycott.

Sen. Humphrey, a Minnesota Democrat, told the Senate the United States "ought to make it crystal clear to the Arab states that we do not respect their boycott, and that under no circumstances will the Government of the United States knuckle down to the kind of blacklisting which goes on with respect to American firms which may wish to do business with a friendly nation."

He expressed hope that "those who direct our foreign policy would give their attention to trying to inculcate a sense of reality in the minds of the Arab leaders." The Senator quoted the Arab League announcement last week from Cairo of a unified boycott system and its tightened squeeze on Israel. He termed this "a course which can lead only to further trouble." The Arab move, he said, was "not a contribution to peace." Nor was it a recognition "of the urgent need of the area, namely, the exchange of goods and services."

Sen. Humphrey familiarized the Senate with the manner in which the Arab anti-Israel boycott works against American and other firms desiring to trade with Israel. He said he hoped U.S. diplomats would make it clear to the Arabs "that we will not contribute to such an operation, designed to strangle a friendly state, namely, the State of Israel."

The Senator hoped that the State Department would inform the Arabs that their action "is about as close to hostilities as it is possible to come without shooting a gun." He expressed the hope that "it will be made clear" that the U.S. "deplores and rejects" the Arab boycott action and that "we will do everything we possibly can to avoid it."

STALIN'S PLAN TO DEPORT ALL RUSSIAN JEWS CONFIRMED BY SOVIET ENVOY

PARIS, June 9. (JTA) -- A report which was circulated some time ago that Stalin planned to deport all the Jews of the Soviet Union to Birobidjan and that he died in a fit of rage when Marshal Klementi Voroshilov opposed his plan, was confirmed by P. K. Ponomarenko, Soviet Ambassador in Poland, according to an article in Paris-Soir, widely read French newspaper.

The Paris paper, in an article published last Friday, said that Ambassador Ponomarenko gave the details to a group of Polish Communist journalists in Warsaw. According to the article, Stalin called in 25 members of the Soviet Presidium in February 1953 soon after the revelation of the "doctors' plot" against key Soviet leaders. The article said that Stalin announced at this conference he planned to send all Russian Jews to Birobidjan, the so-called autonomous Jewish republic which is more than 3,000 miles from Moscow.

Stalin said he was doing so, according to the article, because of the "Zionist and imperialist" plot against the Soviet Union and against Stalin. Lazar M. Kaganovich, the "only Jewish member" present asked if the plan included every Jew in Russia and Stalin replied a "certain selection" would be made.

The newspaper account reported that V. M. Molotov, then Soviet Foreign Minister -- who has a Jewish wife -- said in a "trembling" voice that such deportation would have a "deplorable" effect on world opinion. At this point, according to the story, Marshal Voroshilov threw his Communist Party card on the table and said: "If such a step is taken, I would be ashamed to remain a member of our party, which will be completely dishonored." Stalin, in a rage, roared: "Comrade Klementi, it is I who will decide when you no longer have the right to keep your membership card."

The article reported that, with the meeting in an uproar, Stalin fell to the floor, stricken. Lavrenti Beria, then chief of the secret police, jumped to his feet, danced around Stalin's prostrate form, and shouted happily, "We are free. Finally, finally!" The doctors arrived a few minutes later and the dictator was taken to his rooms where he remained until his death was announced in March.

AMSTERDAM CITY COUNCIL RENAMES SCHOOL IN MEMORY OF ANNE FRANK

AMSTERDAM, June 9. (JTA) -- The Amsterdam City Council decided to rename its local Montessori School in memory of Anne Frank, the Jewish teen-ager martyred by the Nazis. Anne, whose story was told to the world through her diary, was a pupil at the school for six years.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SENDS DELEGATION TO ISRAEL AND VATICAN

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- A delegation of leaders of the American Jewish Committee, headed by Irving M. Engel, president, will embark this week on a 15,000 mile fact-finding, survey and consultative mission in Europe, North Africa and Israel, it was announced here today.

The delegation will confer with heads of governments, foreign ministers, Roman Catholic officials and U.S. Ambassadors in Paris, Rome, The Vatican, Casablanca, Tunis and Jerusalem. American Jewish Committee leaders were invited to visit Israel by Premier David Ben Gurion. The last Committee mission to Israel was in 1949, less than a year after the state was established.

"A number of compelling issues bearing on the status and condition of Jews, as well as on crucial problems of American and world concern, requires that we carry out this mission in behalf of improved human relations, humanitarian services for refugees and peace in some of the troubled areas throughout the world," Mr. Engel declared. He said that the purposes of the mission have been discussed with the U.S. State Department. The group expects to meet with U.S. Embassy officials abroad.

The delegation will be composed, in addition to Mr. Engel, of James Marshall, Alan M. Stroock, Frederick F. Greenman, Dr. John Slawson, Ralph Friedman, all of New York, Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston and Martin Gang of Los Angeles. They will be escorted by Simon Segal, director of the AJC's foreign affairs department, and Zachariah Shuster, director of the AJC office in Europe.

BNAI ZION CONVENTION PLEADS FOR CONTINUED U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- A plea for continued United States Government economic support of Israel was voiced here last night by Judge Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, national president of Bnai Zion, the Zionist fraternal order, in an address to the opening session of its 48th annual convention. More than 500 delegates from a dozen states are at the parley.

Judge Rothenberg further urged intensification of the organization's efforts to aid Israel through its foundation and these settlements which it has established in the Jewish State. He also asked that Bnai Zion members keep up their support of the Jewish National Fund, citing the fact that the organization has the largest per capita contribution record to JNF in this country.

Brig. S. L. A. Marshall, United States Army historian in Europe during World War II, who was in Israel on an historical project at the time of the Sinai operation, told the delegates that the Israeli campaign was "fully justified" and that it came after "more than sufficient provocation." Gen. Marshall, who is currently chief editorial writer of the Detroit News, lauded the "courage and capacity" of the Israeli people.

JEWISH HISTORIAN OPPOSES RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN U.S. SCHOOLS

FREDONIA, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- Continuing introduction of religious teachings and practices into the American public school system will make it impossible for the school to achieve its primary goal--the creation of an enlightened, united American people, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, historian, said here today in a baccalaureate address at the State Teachers College graduation.

Dr. Marcus, professor of history at Hebrew Union College--Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, and director of American Jewish Archives, said the battle to bring formal religion into the public schools is being fought on two levels: "a hushed but very real rivalry between the forces of Protestantism and Catholicism" on the one hand and a move to unite all Americans in the hope that "a broadly based religious conformity will better aid the American people to cope with the dangers now threatening this country." He warned that a rapprochement of church and state would "do violence to one of the most sacred of American traditions."

WEISGAL ARRIVES AS ISRAEL'S EMISSARY FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Meyer W. Weisgal, Premier David Ben Gurion's special representative for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Festival, arrived here today from Jerusalem to extend an official invitation to all religious groups in the United States to participate in the Tenth Anniversary celebration of the State of Israel.

Mr. Weisgal, who is the head of the Weizmann Institute of Science, has been asked by Premier Ben Gurion to coordinate and organize the anniversary events inside and outside Israel. The anniversary in Israel will be celebrated for one full year beginning April 24, 1958.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS IN DETROIT HONOR SLOMOVITZ; RECEIVES AWARD

DETROIT, June 9. (JTA) -- The first annual "Concepts of Americanism" award established by Detroit Post No. 135 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States has been awarded to Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News. The citation was for "perceptive reporting and analysis, creative of an informed and affirmative Judaism" in Detroit.