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## J. D. C. TO RESUME AID TO JEWS IN POLAND; WILL HELP REPATRIATES

PARIS, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, which was forced to close its offices in Poland at the end of 1949, will resume relief activities there to help Jews repatriated from Russia to Poland adjust themselves to new conditions of life, it was indicated here today in a statement issued by Charles Jordan, JDC European director, following his return from a two-week stay in Poland.

Mr. Jordan said that Polish Prime Minister Josef Cyrankiewicz assured him that the JDC would be allowed to conduct without hindrance a program of social assistance for Polish Jews repatriated from Russia. "As the major agency serving Jewish needs overseas, the Joint Distribution Committee welcomed the suggestion of Polish authorities that we send a mission into the country to discuss setting up a social assistance program on behalf of the 9, 000 to 10, 000 Jews among the Polish nationals recently repatriated, as well as for the many more thousands expected to arrive in the foreseeable future," Mr. Jordan declared.

Pointing out that the JDC mission was well received in Poland and was given every opportunity to see the repatriates, speak to them and weigh their needs, Mr. Jordan said the repatriates are only "sketchily integrated" into the economy of the country. "They are largely unemployed and find it difficult to provide for themselves," he continued. "Housing has been supplied to them but it is definitely inadequate. In spite of what the government is doing, there are yet areas of need not being met. It is obvious that immediate social assistance in areas of housing, employment and child care should be provided. We are willing to undertake such a program. The details are now being worked out."

## Warburg Hails Move; Says It Was Approved by U.S. Government

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, today hailed the "re-establishment, after an eight-year lapse, of the traditional lifeline of aid from the American Jewish community to needy Jews in Poland."

Mr. Warburg reported that between V-E Day, 1945 and December 31, 1949, when JDC was asked to suspend its operations in Poland, the overseas welfare agency spent some \$20, 000, 000 on behalf of Poland's needy Jewish population. He noted that when JDC was forced to close its offices at the end of 1949 "it was the first time in 35 years that there was no JDC office in Poland."

Mr. Warburg noted that there are an estimated 40, 000-50, 000 Jews living in Poland today, including the 9, 000-10, 000 repatriates. He indicated that for a number of months JDC had been seeking a means of aiding Jews in Poland. "We are therefore extremely happy that new circumstances and events have now made it possible for the Joint Distribution Committee to resume its humanitarian efforts on behalf of Polish Jewry. We are doing so, I might add, with the full knowledge and agreement of the United States Government."

"JDC has embarked on this program with the complete assurance of the Polish authorities that we will be able to supervise the entire operation in the fullest detail, and that we will be able to carry out our mission of mercy without interference. In this new effort we know that we can count upon the enthusiastic support of the American Jewish community now again, as in the past."

## EISENHOWER PUZZLED BY SAUDI BLAST; U.S. WATCHES ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The United States Government maintains neutrality in the Arab-Israel conflict and will continue to watch the problem, President Eisenhower told a press conference today. The President said he did not know what particular thing inspired yesterday's attack by Saudi Arabia on the United States at the United Nations.

He emphasized that the U.S. has tried its best to be friends with every nation in the Middle East and, of course, knows that the Arabs blame most of their troubles on the Israeli threat, as they call it. The U.S., nevertheless, has tried constantly to be neutral as between that quarrel, trying to make itself friends of both sides, so it could be useful in promoting peaceful conditions there, he stressed.

## EGYPT DEFENDS SYRIA AT U. N. ASSEMBLY; VOICES ANTI-ISRAEL CHARGES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Egypt today came out wholeheartedly in support of Syria and accused Israel of past aggressions compounded by plans for new aggressive expansionism. These sentiments, which were fully expected, were expressed in the General Assembly this morning by Cairo's Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, who delivered his government's major policy speech vis-a-vis UN affairs.

The address, however, was considered by most delegations as almost astoundingly moderate -- by contrast with the violent Arab flag-waving here yesterday by Ahmad Shukairy, Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for United Nations Affairs.

Dr. Fawzi complained that Israel is violating last year's resolution calling for the stationing of the United Nations Emergency Force on its side of the armistice demarcation line. As for Israel's future plans, he quoted Premier David Ben Gurion to show that Israel is seeking large-scale immigration, which the Egyptian Foreign Minister called a threat to the "neighboring Arab world." Dr. Fawzi also asserted that Israel continues to "defy" the United Nations by insisting that the armistice agreement is a dead letter.

## BEN GURION CONFERS WITH U. S. ENVOY TO GREECE ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion conferred for more than an hour last night with George Allen, United States Ambassador to Greece, on Middle East problems.

Neither would comment on the meeting which was held at the Prime Minister's Tel Aviv home. The envoy came here from Athens to hear the first concert of the Israel Philharmonic orchestra in its new home, the Frederic Mann auditorium.

## ISRAEL MAY COMPLAIN TO SECURITY COUNCIL ON EGYPT'S SEIZURE OF SHIP

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Israel has made the United Nations Secretary General "aware" that Israel considers Egypt's seizure of a fishing vessel with six men aboard an "act of piracy," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight. He refused to specify what steps Israel may take in the event Egypt does not release the fishermen and their vessel. Observers here see the possibility that Israel will complain directly to the Security Council, if necessary.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said that both the UN and other international organizations "know the potential dangers if no remedy is provided" Israel. Noting that Israel's approach thus far has been characterized by patient efforts, he warned against "confusing patience with apathy."

## HADASSAH TURNS OVER SAFED HOSPITAL TO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

SAFED, Israel, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The 130-bed Hadassah hospital for tuberculars here was turned over to the Israel Health Ministry at a ceremony here yesterday. The transfer ceremony included payment of 120,000 pounds by Hadassah into a pension fund for the 60 hospital employees who are entering government service via the transfer.

Established more than 30 years ago, the hospital pioneered in anti-tuberculosis methods and ultimately helped to bring the incidence rate in Israel down to six per 100,000, the lowest rate in the world. During Israel's War of Independence, patients were evacuated under gunfire and served as an army surgical base, caring for more than 700. Later the hospital resumed its original function with an expansion to meet the needs of tubercular persons coming during the post-war mass immigration.

## POTASSIUM SALT DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL DURING OIL PROSPECTING

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- An artesian well with the highest concentration of potassium salts in the world has been discovered in Israel in the course of oil prospecting, the Ministry of Development announced today.

Within a few months, tests are expected to establish the quantity of water available and whether it has possibilities of commercial exploitation. The well, in the Mt. Sodom area, contains 430 grams of salt per litre (almost a quart) of water, about five times the concentration of water in the Dead Sea.

## KNESSET TO ELECT NEW ISRAEL PRESIDENT; BEN ZVI'S RE-ELECTION ASSURED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament will meet in special session October 27 to elect a new president. President Itzhak Ben Zvi's term expires December 9.

In view of Mr. Ben Zvi's universal popularity he is expected to be re-elected. Mr. Ben Zvi is Israel's second President. Dr. Chaim Weizmann was the first.

## COMMON RESTITUTION FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRIA THIS YEAR

VIENNA, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The establishment of a "common restitution fund" on which negotiations are under way in the Austrian Cabinet will probably take place before the end of this year, it was learned here today. The negotiators are Social Democratic Vice Chancellor Bruno Pitterman and Finance Minister Reinhard Kamitz.

The "common fund" would provide payments, on the basis of individual need, to victims of political persecution, persecutees who emigrated from Austria, Austrians who suffered certain damages during the Allied occupation and recently returned prisoners of war. Benefits will be provided from monies made available through the government budget. So far, it is understood, Messrs. Pitterman and Kamitz have not yet agreed on the size of the fund, the extent of benefits and whether they will be paid in a lump sum or in monthly installments.

This plan is in no way associated with the talks which start here this month between the government and representatives of world Jewish organizations on how the Austrian Government will meet its obligations to victims of Nazism under the terms of the Austrian State Treaty.

Meanwhile, the Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities adopted today a program incorporating the Jewish communities' demands for restitution to Jews for losses incurred during the Nazi regime in this country. The program will be submitted to the government and to the floor leaders of the Peoples and Social Democratic Parties in Parliament.

## GERMAN GROUP PROTESTS MINIMIZATION OF NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

BERLIN, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A protest to the West German Government against the glossing over by a government office of statistics on the number of German Jews murdered by the Nazi regime was voiced here today by the Coordinating Committee of Nazi Victims Organizations.

The protest, addressed to the Ministry of the Interior, asserted that a statistical survey by the Federal Statistical Office on the losses of human life during the Second World war was misleading. That office, said the coordinating committee, publicized first in its own scientific periodical and thereafter in the Federal Government's official Bulletin a statement that about 200,000 Jews emigrated or perished due to the criminal acts of National Socialism in the period following the start of the war.

The Coordinating committee said that the statisticians unquestionably knew that from 1939 on the number of German Jews able to emigrate was negligible and that the number who died an unnatural death or were killed in the Nazi extermination camps was about 180,000.

## BERLIN'S MOST RABID ANTI-SEMITES GETS EIGHT-MONTH SENTENCE

BERLIN, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- West Germany's continuing struggle with the remnants of the Hitler era was marked today by a jail sentence for West Berlin's most rabid anti-Semite of the post war era. Erwin Schoenborn, 43, was sentenced to eight months in jail by the Goettingen district court which found him guilty of libeling Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, the speaker of the last of the last Bundestag.

Schoenborn, who is chairman of various neo-Nazi splinter groups and of a "German-Arab Society" which has chapters in several cities, was convicted of calling Dr. Gerstenmaier a "filthy traitor," during a series of small town political meetings. The epithet was used because Dr. Gerstenmaier, during the Hitler regime, had been sentenced by a "People's Court" for failing to betray an anti-Nazi movement.

Meanwhile, the "German Social Movement," which has close relations with the Arab League, held a convention this week in Freudenstadt and featured numerous addresses, most of them marked by anti-Semitic innuendoes, delivered by a number of open devotees of Hitler. Chief among these was Karl Priester, former Hitler Youth and S.S. leader who now heads the movement and edits its anti-Semitic monthly magazine.

## JEWS POPULATION IN COMMUNIST CHINA SHRINKS DRASTICALLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- In the decade since the Chinese Communists nationalized all commerce and industry, the Jewish community in China has shrunk from 25,000 to less than 400 through emigration, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

Citing data in a report from the Jewish Community Council of Shanghai, the Congress said emigration was continuing and the end of the community was near.

The Shanghai report said that as of June 30 there were 109 Jews left in Shanghai, 55 in Tientsin, 229 in Harbin and four in Dairen and Mukden. Emigration is handled by the Shanghai Council. Most of the Jews of China have emigrated to Israel.

## YOM KIPPUR STARTS TONIGHT; U. J. A. LEADER ISSUES APPEAL TO U. S. JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Jews in the United States were urged today to remember their "duty to tens of thousands of Jews in lands of tyranny and hopelessness who pray that next Yom Kippur finds them in Israel or other free lands." The message was issued by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, on the eve of Yom Kippur which will be ushered in tomorrow evening.

Rabbi Friedman said the plight of these Jews lends added poignancy to the words of the Yom Kippur service, "who shall live and who shall die; who shall be at ease and who shall wander about; who shall be at peace and who shall be molested." He called for the swift completion of the UJA's current special drive for \$30,000,000 in cash so that "we can help save the lives of the endangered help give ease to the wanderers and help bring the molested into a haven of peace."

Rabbi Friedman said the American Jewish community can take pride in "its great achievement of the past Hebrew year--providing the main resources for the rescue, transport and initial resettlement of more than 100,000 Jewish refugees from Egypt, Eastern Europe and North Africa." He emphasized that more than 80,000 of that total were given haven in Israel.

The Rabbinical Council of America, representing 750 orthodox rabbis, said in its Yom Kippur message: "Yom Kippur ushers in a sacred day of self-examination into the derelictions of our moral actions during the past year. It is the most solemn and holy season in the Jewish calendar of events. Our repentance does not consist exclusively of the recitation of forgiveness prayers, but is built on the solid foundation of the moral and ethical implementation of the good life in the realm of our manifold daily pre-occupations. Our holiday supplications must be realized in the course of all of our human relations."

## \$32,000,000 SPENT ON NEW JEWISH CENTER BUILDINGS DURING 10 YEARS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- Forty-four new Jewish Community Center buildings costing \$28,100,000 for land, construction and equipment have been opened since the end of World War II and three others to cost in the aggregate \$4,000,000 will be completed late in 1957 or early in 1958, it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Fifteen other new Center buildings are in various stages of planning or construction. The 44 new Center buildings already in use and the three to be dedicated within the year are all affiliated with and served by JWB, the national association of Jewish Community Centers.

Total membership in the 353 Jewish Community Centers affiliated with JWB reached 565,000 at the end of 1955, an all-time high and a two percent increase over 1954, the report said. More than two-thirds of all JWB-affiliated Centers showed membership gains, continuing the upward trend that has been uninterrupted since the end of World War II. Center membership rose by 25 percent since 1945.

## N. Y. JEWISH FEDERATION STARTS \$20,900,000 DRIVE; HONORS EX-PRESIDENTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The \$20,900,000 annual campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York got under way tonight at a dinner honoring seven former presidents of the organization for past services. The Federation's campaign this year seeks \$3,800,000 more than the record sum raised last year to maintain 116 member hospitals and welfare institutions serving 680,000 New Yorkers.

Large illuminated, leather-bound Bibles were presented to the following ex-presidents of the Federation as an expression of the Jewish community's appreciation: Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, president 1931-34; Samuel D. Leidesdorf, 1934-37; Benjamin J. Buttenweiser, 1938-41; Norman S. Goetz, 1945-48; Ralph E. Samuel, 1948-51; Milton Weill, 1951-54, and Salim L. Lewis, 1954-57.

## ISRAELI DELEGATION TO STIMULATE U.S. INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL'S INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- An eight-member delegation of Israeli industrialists will arrive in the United States next Monday for a nationwide tour designed to acquaint American businessmen with investment possibilities in the Jewish State, the Israel Office of Information announced here today.

The Israelis will split up into three groups to cover 22 principal cities in the U.S. and Canada. They will also detail a new \$300,000,000 four-year industrial expansion program just released by the Israel Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The plan, which makes provision for private investment in 600 individual enterprises is expected to double Israel's annual manufacturing output and increase its labor force by one-third.

## WORKMEN'S CIRCLE ANNOUNCES CONTEST FOR YIDDISH PLAY AND MUSIC

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle, 70,000-member fraternal organization, announced today a contest for the best Yiddish play. First prize in the contest, which is open to any writer of Yiddish in this or any other country, is \$500. The contest closes May 1, 1958. The order also announced a contest for musical compositions written for a choir of mixed voices, with the text taken from Yiddish poetry. A first prize of \$250 and a second of \$150 will be awarded.