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## U. J. A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE PROCLAIMS 1960 DRIVE; RAISED \$69,300,000 IN 1959

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A total of \$69,300,000 in cash has been raised to date by the United Jewish Appeal in 1959, it was announced today at the closing session of the UJA's three-day Annual National Conference at the Statler-Hilton hotel, attended by 1,500 American Jewish community leaders from all parts of the nation.

The announcement came as delegates to the Conference presented checks representing millions of dollars in community contributions, at the closing session, elected officers for the forthcoming year, and set plans for carrying out the 1960 campaign effort.

The cash total announced at today's session represents proceeds on both the UJA's regular drive, and the UJA Special Fund, undertaken in 1959 to cope with an immigration emergency occurring in the early part of the year. At an earlier session of the Conference, delegates voted to seek a similar additional fund in 1960, over and above the regular campaign, in order to speed up the lagging processes of integration in behalf of 350,000 unabsorbed immigrants in Israel.

At today's session, delegates re-elected Morris W. Berinstein, philanthropist and business leader, to his third successive term as UJA general chairman, to lead its 22nd yearly campaign. The delegates also elected Sol Luckman, of Cincinnati, as UJA honorary national chairman, Fred Forman, of Rochester, and Philip M. Klutznick, of Chicago, as UJA national chairmen, and Melvin Dubinsky, of St. Louis, as chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet.

The Conference passed a resolution calling on communities throughout the country to undertake to organize their local campaigns early. The formal fund-raising on a national scale will commence at a National Inaugural Conference of the UJA to be held in Miami on February 7.

## Lehman Praises U. J. A.; Urges American Jews to Support 1960 Drive

Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, addressing the delegates said that "the United Jewish Appeal has come to be synonymous with our concern for freedom, peace and humanitarianism as Americans and Jews." He urged American Jews to give fullest support to the UJA.

Senator Lehman, who participated in the beginnings of the United Jewish Appeal more than two decades ago when it was formed to help rescue Jews threatened by the rise of Nazism, said that he had "known the UJA from the time it was a mere idea--a dream. The UJA has since developed into 'an organization whose purpose involves nearly the whole of American Jewry,' he declared. He praised Israel's acceptance of nearly a million refugees in 11 years. 'Israel looms large in the deliberations of American Jews because it stands today as the one oasis in the vast desert of world indifference to the plight of refugees,' he said.

Mr. Berinstein, UJA general chairman who summarized the work of the United Jewish Appeal in 1959, noted that in the year just completed the UJA, through its beneficiary agencies, had helped a total of 600,000 persons of whom 391,000 were in Israel, 105,000 in Moslem countries, 57,000 in Europe, 5,000 in the United States and 5,000 others in various other countries around the world. Mr. Berinstein added that some 37,000 other persons had received relief in transit.

Mr. Berinstein said that this help had been made possible only because "American Jews are determined to help their fellow Jews to achieve some kind of life and dignity, wherever they may be. We in America, blessed as we are with personal freedom and economic security, have an obligation to see to it that all Jews in distress or difficulty, whether it be political, social or economic, are helped in their time of trouble. Our instrument by which we can meet this obligation is the United Jewish Appeal."

Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA honorary chairman and chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, presided at last night's dinner meeting. In the course of the dinner, specially mounted silver menorahs were presented for outstanding service to Fred Forman, of Rochester, who has been chairman of the UJA national campaign Cabinet for the last three

years, and to Sol Luckman, of Cincinnati, a 1959 United Jewish Appeal national chairman for the same period.

Israel Ambassador Harman, principal speaker at the dinner, stressed that in accepting nearly a million refugees in 11 years, the Israel Government has given utmost consideration to the humanitarian aspects of this immigration. He declared that "Israel has permitted thousands of persons to be brought in that other countries would normally reject as immigrants--active tuberculosis cases, physically handicapped persons and large numbers of aged people."

#### Ambassador Harman Lauds Aid Given by U. J. A. and J. D. C.

Ambassador Harman estimated that "one out of every ten immigrants" who came to Israel's shores in the last 11 years was an outright social case, "an immediate burden on the humanitarian agencies which made possible his immigration, and on the Government of Israel. In all we received 132,000 social cases out of an immigration of 950,000 persons," he said.

Praising the "magnificent job of human rehabilitation performed by the United Israel Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee," the Ambassador noted that both humanitarian organizations "operate with funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal." He said that "a great job" had been done by these organizations in financing the transfer and absorption of these newcomers to Israel, but indicated that the philanthropic funds they received had not been enough to meet the total housing and absorption needs of Israel's immigrants.

Earlier yesterday, Conference delegates heard reports on the work of the Joint Distribution Committee at an informal session presided over by William Rosenwald, UJA national chairman. Speakers at the session included Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, Charles H. Jordan, director general of JDC's overseas operation; Louis D. Horwitz, director general of Malben, JDC's welfare organization in Israel, and Samuel Haber of JDC's Geneva headquarters.

At the closing session today, at which Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, a national chairman of the UJA presided, the delegates also heard from: Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, Mrs. Jack A. Goodman, of Indianapolis, chairman of the National Women's Division of the UJA, and Elkan R. Myers, of Baltimore, a member of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet. Mr. Meyerhoff told the delegates that 600,000 people will look to the United Jewish Appeal for help in 1960 through its beneficiary bodies.

#### Rabbi Friedman Stresses U.S. Jewry's Duty towards Israel's Newcomers

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, declared that "despite the great achievements of Israel's people in taking in nearly one million refugees in 11 years, one out of every three of these newcomers still lack the basic requirements of decent and civilized living."

The UJA executive vice-chairman told the audience that American Jews have "no right to sleep one night in peace if we don't take advantage of the pause in the flow of immigration to clean up the vast pile of needs of newcomers whom we have already brought to the country." He added, "we brought them there with high hopes, and helped to give them freedom. It is morally indecent if we do not fulfill their hopes for a new, more secure and fuller future."

Dewey D. Stone, UJA national chairman, told the delegates that their decisions "will affect the destiny of tens of thousands of our fellow Jews. They look to us, the Jews of America, blessed with freedom and prosperity, to help them get a new start in life. Let us make the right decision--the decision that they shall get that new start," he urged.

Melvin Dubinsky, UJA cash chairman, who was one of the members of the recent UJA Overseas Study Mission, reported on the European section of the survey made by the 115 American Jewish community leaders who made the trip. He noted that there is still a flow of emigration from certain countries in Europe, and that at "all costs American Jews must supply the funds--through the UJA--to help transfer all who want to, and who are able to--go to Israel, and other lands."

The Conference was also addressed by Dr. Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, who told the audience that the successful integration of all the refugees who have come to Israel since 1948 would have called for an expenditure of at least \$400,000,000 beyond what the Agency received during that time from voluntary sources, including the United Jewish Appeal.

The following were re-elected as national officers: Senator Herbert H. Lehman, honorary general chairman; Edward M. M. Warburg, honorary chairman; Joseph Holtzman, honorary national chairman; Samuel Rubin, honorary special fund chairman; William Rosenwald, national chairman representing the JDC; Dewey D. Stone, national chairman, representing the UJA; Samuel Daroff, Albert A. Levin, Joseph Meyerhoff, and Jack Weiler, national chairmen.

Also re-elected were: Max Fisher and Joseph M. Mazer, Special Fund chairman; Joseph I. Lubin and Jacob Sincoff, national co-treasurers; Robert W. Schiff, Big Gifts chairman; Benjamin Swig, Big Gifts chairman; Isadore Breslau, allocations chairman, and Moses A. Leavitt, secretary. Mrs. Jack Goodman was re-elected chairman of the National Women's Division.

#### BEN-GURION FORMS NEW CABINET WITH RELIGIOUS, PROGRESSIVE LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Premier-designate David Ben-Gurion is expected to present his new coalition Cabinet to the Knesset tomorrow after having secured an absolute majority in Parliament by means of Mapai's agreements with the National Religious party and the Progressives. Negotiations with Acdhut Avoda and Mapam, the left-wing Socialist groups, are expected to continue after the "small coalition" is approved by the Knesset.

Ben-Gurion's Mapai party, meanwhile, seemed assured of the Jerusalem majority by reaching agreement with Reuven Raviyah, a member of the Municipal Council elected on the immigrants ticket affiliated with the Religious list. Raviyan had been promised a Deputy Mayorship under a Mapai Mayor.

#### EISENHOWER DISCUSSES ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT WITH NEHRU; REVIEW SUEZ ISSUE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower during his current visit here, has discussed with Indian Prime Minister Nehru, the Middle East situation, particularly the United Arab Republic-Israel dispute over Suez Canal passage, it was reliably learned here today.

Both leaders showed identical views regarding the desirability of unhampered passage through the canal and it is understood that President Eisenhower urged Mr. Nehru to take active steps to influence Arab circles to bring down the hostile attitude against Israel.

It was disclosed today that Egyptian President Nasser sent an important message last week through the Indian Ambassador in Cairo, briefing Mr. Nehru on the Middle East situation.

#### U.S. INVESTORS MAY ACQUIRE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S SHARES IN CHEMICAL CO.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A group of American investors headed by Sam Rothberg of Peoria, Illinois, may buy out the government's share in Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd., Israel's largest chemical concern, it was reported today.

The investors, who began negotiations several months ago, have now forwarded a guarantee deposit to insure their option on the shares involved and will resume final negotiations soon, the report said. Meanwhile, it was announced that the first export shipment of 350 tons of liquid ammonia produced by Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd., is due to leave Haifa today for the European market.

#### LEBANESE COURT RELEASES JEW CHARGED WITH HEADING PRO-ISRAEL 'SPY RING'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A Jewish defendant accused of heading a pro-Israel "spy ring" in Lebanon, has been released on a nominal bail because of lack of sufficient evidence, after he spent one month in jail, Beirut Radio announced this morning.

Elias Mizrachi, a Jewish businessman, who had been charged a month ago with heading the alleged "ring," was released on ten pounds bail while most of the other score accused were released completely for lack of evidence. Of the six Jews arrested at that time, only one is still under detention.

#### LONG ISLAND COLLEGE REFUSES TO DISMISS FORMER NAZI FROM ITS FACULTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Authorities at Post College of Long Island University announced their refusal today to accede to demands that a former member of the Nazi party be dismissed from the faculty of the college. Dean R. Gordon Hoxie cited "the principle of academic freedom" in explaining the university's decision to retain on the faculty Edward V. Sittler, a teacher of English and German literature.

Sittler, who participated in propaganda broadcasts for the Nazi Government during World War II, was born in Ohio and renounced his American citizenship while he was a student in Germany in 1939. In 1946, he was brought to this country as a German citizen to testify in the Federal treason prosecution of Douglas Chandler and Robert Best, both Americans and Nazi broadcasters. No charges were ever brought against Sittler, who is now applying for reinstatement of his American citizenship. Sittler has been ousted from two previous teaching posts--one at Northwestern University and one at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology.

#### NAZI LEADER, SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR KILLING 160,000 JEWS, ASKS MERCY

VIENNA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Erich Koch, the Nazi administrator for the occupied Ukraine and northeast Poland, now under sentence of death for the murder of 160,000 Polish Jews during the second World War, has appealed for clemency, it was reported here today. Attorneys for Koch addressed the appeal to the Polish Council of State. A Polish court sentenced Koch to death last March.

#### TEN JEWS PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE FROM SOVIET UNION; PROCEED TO ISRAEL

VIENNA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Ten Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union passed Austria this week-end en route to Israel. They included one man, six women and three children.

### SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO STAY ENFORCEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA'S 'BLUE' LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court this week-end refused to stay enforcement of Pennsylvania's Sunday sales blue laws. This issue is followed with interest by Jewish elements because of the question of separation of church from state. The request for a stay, or injunction, was made by a discount store in Allentown, Pa.

### FEDERAL COURT REJECTS JEWISH PLEA AGAINST NEW JERSEY'S SUNDAY LAW

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- New Jersey's ban on trading on Sundays continued to be enforced today following a refusal this week-end by a Federal Court to disturb the enforcement of this law. In a 2 to 1 decision, the court declined to issue a temporary injunction sought by three Orthodox Jews pending the outcome of their suit before the state's Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the law on the basis that it violates the First Amendment which guarantees religious freedom.

Counsel for the three Jewish plaintiffs noted that their clients observed the Jewish Sabbath and closed their stores from Friday sundown until Saturday night. They argued that they were being penalized for their religious beliefs by being required to close on a day that they did not observe as the Sabbath. The measure, which went into effect on November 29, bans Sunday sales of clothing, home and office furnishings, appliances and building material.

### COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ANNOUNCES A \$500,000 PROJECT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The conclusion of an agreement for a \$500,000 construction project by the National Council of Jewish Women for the building of classes and laboratories for 800 pupils and 100 teachers of the Hebrew University's Model High School in Jerusalem was announced here today by Mrs. Charles Hymes, NCJW president. The site of the new structures has been selected in consultation with the Hebrew University and given to the school by the Israel Government.

The leader of the Council appealed to the Jewish women of America for their support in cementing the cultural bridge between the American-Jewish community and Israel. "Just as American-Jewish women," Mrs. Hymes said, "are concerned with giving their full support to the public school system in America, cognizant of its importance to their children in the development of democracy in the United States, so I would likewise appeal to them to be vitally concerned with public education in Israel.

"The population explosion in Israel has resulted in school attendance increasing four-fold in ten years. At the turn of the century in the United States, our democratic school system welded together various and diverse nationality groups in our country. Today Israel faces this same problem, and they need the support and interest of American Jewish mothers," Mrs. Hymes reported.

### J.T.S. GETS \$180,000 GIFT FOR CREATION OF RESEARCH CENTER IN EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A gift of \$180,000 for the creation of a research center in Jewish education was made tonight by Samuel M. Melton of Columbus, Ohio, to the Teachers Institute of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Mr. Melton presented a check from the S. M. and Esther Melton Trust to Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, at a reception in Mr. Melton's honor at the Park Lane Hotel here. The reception preceded the Teachers Institute alumni dinner, which culminated a long series of events marking the 50th anniversary of the Institute.

Reputed to be the largest contribution ever made for the study of the curriculum of Jewish religious schools, the fund will enable the Teachers Institute to inaugurate a nation-wide program that will bring about more effective methods of transmitting to young students a knowledge of Jewish culture and tradition.

### DETROIT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT WARNS TEACHERS ON CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

DETROIT, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Public school officials and teachers in Detroit were urged by Superintendent S. M. Brownell to remember "that the religious sensibilities" of Jewish as well as Christian students "must be kept in mind" in any preparations "for our traditional attention to the Christmas season in the schools."

Dr. Brownell raised the question in "Detroit Schools," the official publication of the Detroit public schools. He cited with approval a statement from the California Journal of Elementary Education to that effect.

The statement he endorsed also added that "as educators, we would seem bound to give priority to the principle of avoiding violation of any student's individual conscience in the selection of program material or specific events which might be interpreted as sectarian or so presented as to cause a child to feel set apart from his fellow students in an embarrassing way."