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### NEW YORK FEDERATION TO LAUNCH \$102 MILLION CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York announced plans today for a \$102,165,000 capital funds development program over a three-year period to broaden medical and social services provided by its more than 100 affiliated medical and welfare agencies.

Lawrence A. Wien, Federation president, described the program as "the largest single undertaking ever attempted by a voluntary welfare group to advance medical and social services." He said that "We are proposing this supreme effort in order to make our Jewish-sponsored facilities equal to the great progress of knowledge and the challenging growth of needs. It is the Jewish community's contribution to the welfare of all the people of our city and to the well-being of future generations."

Funds will be provided for more than 100 projects of new construction, expansion and modernization. The projects will include new hospital buildings, new homes and hospitals for the aged and a large-scale modernization and renovation program in many existing buildings and facilities.

#### \$58 Million for Medical Programs

Of the projected total capital fund, \$58,488,000 has been allocated for hospital and medical care expansion; \$18,150,000 for care of the aged; \$8,556,000 for family welfare-child care and vocational guidance; \$15,092,896 for community centers and religious education, and \$1,878,775 for camps.

Salim L. Lewis, chairman of the campaign, said the program was based on the findings of various studies during the past four years, including a demographic study in 1959 of Jewish population trends in the greater New York area made by the Federation and member agencies.

Mr. Lewis said that the extensions and improvements would raise operating costs throughout the affiliated agencies with a future increase, in the Federation's annual maintenance budget which is now about \$21,000,000. He expressed confidence that the Jewish community would meet the added costs through voluntary contributions.

He emphasized that the capital fund program was separate from and in addition to the Federation's annual drive for maintenance funds. He said that during the three-year span of the building fund campaign, the two drives would proceed concurrently. He said it had been agreed that any former contributor to the maintenance fund who wanted to give to the building program must first make a contribution to the current maintenance fund at least equal to his prior gift.

#### Federal and State Participation Is Expected

He said contributors would be sought for the building fund from individuals, foundations, publicly-owned corporations and labor unions. The campaign also expects to receive Federal appropriations for aid to hospitals and research and to seek State loans for self-liquidating projects for nurses' and staff residences.

The first year of the campaign will emphasize special gifts in large amounts. During the middle and final stages, the campaign will be widened to enlist every level and member of the community. Subscriptions of all denominations will be payable over a five-year period.

The largest allocation of \$39,000,000 will go for the program in Manhattan. Queens, target of the main stream of migration during the past decade, comes next with \$21,000,000. Then come Brooklyn, with \$16,000,000; the Bronx, \$13,000,000, and \$7,000,000 to Staten Island, Westchester, Long Island and the more remote sites of the camp network. About \$5,000,000 has been set aside for locations still to be determined.

In the field of hospital care, along with improved facilities for treatment and research, the new and modernized buildings are to produce an increase of 11.7 percent in bed capacity of all Federation hospitals, a gain of about 14,000 patients and 200,000 days of patient care a year. For the aged, an increase of 632 beds is expected. Camps for the aged also will share in the expansion with a gain of 420 beds. There will be 15 new community centers, which will create facilities for an estimated 35,000 additional members.

Children's camps are listed for a gain of 342 new beds for more than 1,000 additional campers each summer. Land purchases on Staten Island, and in Suffolk County on Long Island, will provide for an additional 2,750 children.

EICHMANN, FOR SEVENTH DAY, CONTINUES SELF-PORTRAYAL AS FRIEND OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann contended today, his seventh day on the stand, that his Gestapo department's usually successful efforts to evade pressures of foreign governments for the release of their Jewish nationals represented simply another case of obeying orders from his superiors. He explained that SS chief Heinrich Himmler had forbidden the release of any Jews whatever, and interventions by the German Foreign Ministry were therefore in vain.

The court was treated again today to a self-portrayal by the defendant as a Nazi official whose "greatest interest" was to help the Jews of Austria to emigrate. He claimed he was responsible for saving Jews from arrest, for getting others released from concentration camps and for getting Nazi foreign currency restrictions relaxed so that Jews could emigrate. This took place, he testified, shortly before World War II when he was head of the Nazi Central Emigration Office in Vienna.

Aware that this portrait of active intervention for Jews was in sharp contrast with his repeated insistence on his lack of power to take any initiative, he told the court that even in this work he was acting only as a minor official who had to refer everything to his superiors.

Said He Secured Release of Vienna Jewish Leaders

Under questioning, he said that one of his first actions in Vienna was to ask local police to release Dr. Josef Loewenhertz, former head of the Vienna Jewish community, from jail. He said he also obtained the release of Loewenhertz's predecessor, Dr. Paul Friedman, from the Dachau concentration camp.

He added quickly that he had no "executive authority" and could only ask the local police to release the two Jewish leaders. He said the general line of the Gestapo since 1933, when Hitler came to power, was to arrest and imprison all Jews. However, when he was sent to Vienna, a new approach was ordered. The Reich security head office wanted to promote the emigration of Jews and not to ban but to encourage such Jewish organizations as would advance this objective. He said he acted to obtain double the official rate for currency exchanges to make possible the financing of more immigration.

Memory Suddenly Fails Defendant

Eichmann was shown an exhibit from the prosecution on the conversion of the Lodz ghetto into a concentration camp. Eichmann's name is on the document. The memory of the defendant, which has been demonstrated to be awesome in the recollection of minute details, suddenly failed him. He said he did not remember. He added that he had never acted as a representative of Ernst Kaltenbrunner, the successor to Reinhardt Heydrich, as was stated in the document. He insisted that the person who had thus described him must have been unfamiliar with the structure of the SS. Then, in a dramatic example of his excellent memory for some details, he scanned the document recommending the conversion of the Lodz ghetto and said that the "ja" written on the margin was "unmistakably" that of SS Gen. Oswald Pohl, acting on behalf of Himmler.

The defense testimony today went into a description by Eichmann, at the request of his attorney, of his alleged efforts to facilitate the transfer of the remains of Theodor Herzl from Vienna to Palestine in 1939. Eichmann said that Dr. Loewenhertz came to him, "knowing that no other official would listen to him. He knew my attitude toward Jewish problems. I had to busy myself with this matter which was not my concern, run around to various offices and I said to Loewenhertz 'if I bother about your troubles, you should bother about mine. You should obtain the possibility for emigration of an additional 8,000 Jews in exchange for my enabling the transfer of Herzl's remains.'"

Eichmann said that he told the Jewish leader that such an arrangement "would give justification" --presumably to his superiors--"for my dealing with the Herzl affair."

Court Catches Eichmann on Testimonial

In another phase of the testimony today, Eichmann's protestations of concern for his Jewish victims ran into an objection from Justice Moshe Landau, the presiding judge. This occurred in the course of testimony by the Nazi in which he cited a letter from the head of the Berlin Jewish community to the Vienna community. The letter said that arrangements for processing prospective emigrants in Vienna, as organized by Eichmann, were speedier and more efficient than in Berlin. This elaboration moved Justice Landau to remark that he recalled a prosecution document that the Berlin Jewish leader was compelled to write that letter.

Eichmann flatly denied the postwar testimony given by Siegfried Seidl, a commander of the Theresienstadt camp, who testified at his war crimes trial that Eichmann had signed an order for the execution of nine Jewish inmates of the camp for smuggling out letters warning other Jews of the Nazi genocide plans.

Eichmann insisted that he did not have authority to order executions in the camp. He also gave the version of prosecution documents that he visited the camp after the executions were carried out. He said that during that visit he learned that regulations forbidding correspondence from the camp was the cause of the smuggling and that the regulations should be eased. He added that he transmitted this request to his superiors.

## MRS. MEIR SUMMONS U.N. TRUCE CHIEF TO DISCUSS SYRIAN BORDER SITUATION

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, called in General C. C. vonHorn, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, today to discuss the situation on the Syrian border. Sporadic shooting was still continuing there, more than a week after a series of attacks by Syrian gunners in which an Israeli Druse was killed.

After efforts by UN armistice officials in Damascus failed to end the firing, Gen. von Horn flew to Damascus for talks with Syrian military commanders, returning to UNTSO headquarters in Jerusalem yesterday.

## WEST GERMANY MAKES BILLION MARK LOAN TO UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

BONN, June 28. (JTA) -- A loan of a billion deutschemarks (\$250,000,000) will be granted by the Government of West Germany to the United Arab Republic, it was announced here today by the Economic Ministry.

Yesterday, after two days of negotiations by Vice Premier Boughadi of the UAR, and Ludwig Erhardt, West German Minister of Economic Affairs, it was decided that West Germany would finance the construction of the Euphrates dam in Syria, as well as other industrial projects in the UAR.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer announced today that he plans to visit the UAR next year.

## ISRAEL SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ESPIONAGE CONVICTION OF KURT SITTE

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of Israel unanimously upheld today the conviction of Professor Kurt Sitte, 51, internationally known expert on cosmic radiation, on three counts of espionage against Israel. It dismissed a fourth count on which the Czechoslovak-born scientist had been convicted in Haifa District Court. All changes involved transmittal of secret information to an unidentified foreign power from 1955 to 1957.

Professor Sitte was head of the physics department at the Haifa Institute of Technology and deputy to the director of its research department. His trial was held in complete secrecy. Prior to settling in Israel some years ago, Professor Sitte, who is not Jewish, had lectured in British and American universities. While in prison, it was said, Prof. Sitte has been permitted to keep a large scientific library, continuing research work on non-security matters.

## BOMBAY JEWISH BOARD ASKS ISRAEL TO PROTECT BENE ISRAEL RIGHTS

BOMBAY, June 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Board of Bombay, representative body of Indian Jewry, expressed concern today over the difficulties encountered by members of the Indian Bene Israel community in Israel in securing permission to marry other Israel Jews. At a special meeting of the Board called to consider the problem, the Indian Jewish leaders deplored the fact that decisions on the question made in the past by the late Chief Rabbi Herzog and Uziel were not being implemented.

The Board appealed to President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, Premier David Ben-Gurion and Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim to "set matters right and remove misgivings disturbing national integration and unity" in Israel.

The Israel Chief Rabbinate, which had earlier announced that questions involving marriages between Bene Israel Jews and other Israelis would be left to the local rabbinic authorities, has indicated its satisfaction with a proposed solution to the problem whereby an Orthodox rabbinic leader would be sent to India to instruct the members of the Jewish community there in traditional Jewish practice. Indian Jewish marriage and divorce procedures had been questioned by Israeli rabbinic authorities.

## SURVEY FINDS LIBYAN JEWS ARE UNMOLESTED ALTHOUGH ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The 4,000 Jews remaining in Libya out of a total of 29,000 in 1937 are "generally unmolested" today although subject to restriction on travel abroad and communication with foreign countries, notably Israel, the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress reported today.

A survey prepared by Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the Institute, noted that the Jews in Libya compose less than one percent of the country's total population of 1,200,000. They live mainly in two cities, Tripoli and Benghazi. Until 1959, the Jewish communities in the two cities functioned as Jewish entities. But early in 1959, the Libyan Government of the Province of Tripolitania dissolved the central Jewish administration there, appointing a commissioner to administer the Jewish community and its assets. The authorities justified the measure by alleging that community funds had been mishandled. A new law governing the Jewish community was promised, but so far nothing has been learned about the promulgation of such a law.

The survey reported that Egyptian propaganda is disseminated in Libya through the press and radio, and Egyptian teachers "are dominant in the schools." Early this year, Dr. Robinson said, "there were strong demands for the confiscation of the property of the Jews as 'Zionist agents.'"

#### DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNITY DIVIDED ON ISSUE OF SABBATH USE OF CENTER

DETROIT, June 28. (JTA) -- The Detroit Jewish community was shaken again today by the newest development in a long-running dispute over Sabbath schedules at the Detroit Jewish Community Center--a decision to introduce some activities, including use of the center's health facilities, on Saturdays.

Conservative and Orthodox rabbis met at the home of Abe Kasle, Detroit communal leader, and issued a statement that the use of the center on the Sabbath was "detrimental to the very basis of Judaism" and that the rabbinate of Greater Detroit and many interested laymen will not rest until the Sabbath, "the foundational institution in Jewish life, will be respected by our Jewish public institutions."

Rabbi Chaskel Grubner, executive director of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Detroit, reported that the Conservative and Orthodox rabbis all preached scheduled sermons against the new Sabbath decision. While Detroit's Reform rabbis stuck to an agreement to stay out of the dispute, some Reform rabbis joined in a public protest against the new center policy.

Mr. Kasle, in a separate statement, rejected the argument of center supporters that the institution was autonomous. He said the Detroit Jewish Welfare Foundation made up center deficits. He cited a recent meeting of 32 Detroit rabbis at which the issue of Sabbath opening of the center was discussed and noted that 31 voted to keep the center closed on the Sabbath. He said the issue was whether the board of directors of the center "have the right to take it upon themselves to desecrate the day of the Sabbath, knowing that 31 rabbis out of 32 have voted that the center be closed on Saturday."

Charles E. Feinberg, another leader in the fight, said he had resigned from the center "as a personal protest against its scheduled opening of its facilities on the Sabbath despite the fact" that in the original discussions on opening the institution on Saturdays "it was continually stressed that the proposed opening would only be for cultural activities for children."

#### EDUCATIONAL TV AWARD GIVEN TO ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE PRODUCTION

ATLANTIC CITY, June 28. (JTA) -- The national "School Bell Award" for an outstanding educational television program was presented here today to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for a full-hour dramatic program, "A Question of Chairs: The Challenge of American Education." The program had been broadcast last January by CBS-TV network in conjunction with the ADL's annual meeting, and is now being shown before educational and civic groups throughout the country. The presentation was made at the convention of the National Education Association.

#### UNIVERSITY AWARD CONFERRED ON COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN LEADER

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 28. (JTA) -- Mrs. Charles Hymes, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, received today the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award at the university's annual College of Education Alumni Association meeting. Cited for her "national leadership in lay religious work," Mrs. Hymes was honored for her service to the advancement of public education and of humanitarian causes.

#### JACK J. ZUROFSKY TO HEAD CJFWF COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Appointment of Jack J. Zurofsky as Director of Community Publicity Services of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was announced today by Irving Kane of Cleveland, Council president. Mr. Zurofsky will direct the Council's program designed to help the communities develop effective public relations programs for fund-raising campaigns and year-round interpretation.

Mr. Zurofsky was formerly Director of Interpretation and Promotion of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, New Jersey.

#### ELEVEN AMERICANS AMONG 43 CELLISTS IN CASALS COMPETITION IN TEL AVIV

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The America-Israel Cultural Foundation reported today that 43 violoncellists from 12 countries have thus far qualified for participation in the third Pablo Casals International Violoncello Competition to be held under the Foundation's auspices in Israel. Eleven of the entrants are from the United States. The competition will open at Tel Aviv September 23.

#### CHIEF RABBI NISSIM TO ADDRESS RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY HERE

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- An address by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim of Israel by a transoceanic telephone hookup from Jerusalem will highlight the three-day convention of the Rabbinical Alliance of America to be held next week in South Fallsburgh, N. Y., it was announced here today by Rabbi Ephraim Wolf, this year's convention chairman. The theme of the Orthodox rabbinical conclave will be "Restoring Torah Authority to Jewish Communal Life."