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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ISSUES REPORT ON ARAB BOYCOTT OF U.S. FIRMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today made public a report establishing that more than 80 American-owned ships have been blacklisted by the Arab League boycott. The report emphasizes that the Arab boycott is placing "extensive arbitrary restraints" on American foreign trade.

In describing the impact of the boycott which not only affects American citizens of the Jewish faith but U.S. citizens of all faiths, the Committee stressed that it "has interfered with the commercial pursuits of Americans and American companies in many foreign countries. It has subjected American foreign trade to arbitrary restraint. It has obstructed American shipping and visited abuse upon American seamen in defiance of international law."

The U.S. firms hit by the Arab boycott--the majority of them publicly owned and ranging in size from medium to large-scale enterprises--are engaged in the production of rubber, chemicals, petroleum products, radio and television equipment, cosmetics, drugs, plastics, business machinery, watches. Construction engineering firms have also been affected by the boycott, the Committee stressed.

The AJC report on the Arab League boycott was made public in connection with the opening sessions of the American Jewish Committee's national executive board meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt. The executive board, which will be convened through this weekend, is the top policy-making body of the organization.

The Committee stated that many companies have refused to yield to the boycott. "Some feel that the Arab market, despite its overwhelming strength, would not compensate for loss of Israel business. Some have discovered that certain cynical Arab countries are not above dealing with recalcitrant companies whose products are in short supply in the Middle East. Some simply object on principle to threats and foreign dictation."

Blames U.S. Government for 'Accommodating' to Arab Discrimination

The Committee drew attention to the fact that the United States Government is suffering "a loss of integrity and prestige" by "accommodating" to discrimination against American citizens by Arab League nations. "Apart from the blacklisting of American firms and vessels, Arab League nations are refusing visas to American citizens of the Jewish faith and forbidding them to debark in some Arab League countries; preventing American servicemen and civilian employees of the Jewish faith from serving at an American airbase built in an Arab country with American funds and maintained by the United States," the report stated.

At Arab insistence, the U.S. Defense Department also "imposes restrictions on Christian worship in Saudi Arabia," the Committee emphasized. "In that country, U.S. chaplains refrain from wearing crosses, and Catholic priests wear lay attire in order to avoid offending the religious sensibilities of local authorities," the report said. It pointed out that each and all of these acts, the Committee asserted, "deny the equality of American citizenship."

Terming the general boycott situation as "an invasion of American rights," the committee said: "The dignity of the United States, its status as a champion of universal human rights, demands that this invasion be promptly repelled."

\$5,000,000 PAID BY GERMANY FOR HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY TILL 1960

GENEVA, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- A total of \$75,000,000 has been received up to 1960 for heirless Jewish property in the British, American and French zones of Germany for the benefit of Jewish victims of the Hitler holocaust, it was disclosed tonight at a dinner marking the closing of the 16th annual Joint Distribution Committee Overseas Conference.

The figures were reported by Sir Henry de Avigdor Goldsmid, chairman of the Jewish Trust Corporation, at the dinner at which the tenth anniversary of the Corporation was celebrated. The Jewish Trust Corporation was set up in Britain in 1950 to claim heirless

and unclaimed property and property of former Jewish communities and organizations in the British zone of Germany and in the British sector of Berlin.

Sir Henry said the Jewish Trust Corporation received 140,000,000 marks (\$35,000,000) for such property in the British sector and that a similar organization in the American zone, the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, received somewhat more. He said a similar group in the French zone received about \$4,500,000 for an overall total of more than \$75,000,000 received to date, with more funds still coming.

Sir Henry Reports on the Distribution of Heirless Property Funds

He reported that more than two-thirds of the total funds received had been distributed to the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency, the Central British Fund and the Council of Jews of Germany to be used exclusively for the benefit of Jewish survivors of the Hitler holocaust.

Another feature of the final session was the first public meeting of the newly created International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services. The Council is made up of six agencies working internationally over a span of 80 years--the Central British Fund, the United Hias Service, the Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services, the JDC, World Ort Union and the Jewish Colonization Association.

Oscar Joseph of London, chairman of the Central British Fund, was elected president of the new council; Murray Gurfein of New York, president of United Hias, and Astore Mayor of Milan, chairman of the Standing Conference, were named vice-presidents, and Charles H. Jordan of the JDC was named executive secretary.

Speakers at the tenth anniversary dinner extending greetings to Sir Henry included Ambassador M. Bartur, head of Israel's Permanent Mission in Geneva, Edward Lawrence, first secretary of the United States Mission in Geneva, Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC.

SUBSTANTIAL IMMIGRATION OF ALGERIAN JEWS TO FRANCE ANTICIPATED BY ORT

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- Dr. William Haber, president of the American Ort Federation, disclosed today that the World Ort Union was building a new school in Marseilles, twice as large as the old one, in preparation for an anticipated substantial immigration of Algerian Jews to France.

Speaking at the 16th national convention of the Women's American Ort, Dr. Haber added he doubted that the new school "and all the rest we have done to integrate North African Jews in France" would be adequate preparation "for the kind of mass immigration that we may soon face in France."

He told the delegates that Ort schools in France would continue to grow both because of the North African influx and because "of the population explosion of a new generation of Jewish youth." He added that Ort facilities in France, Italy and elsewhere in Europe were "a vital factor in strengthening Jewish identification and communal belonging."

Dr. Haber also reported that eight United States missions in African countries had informed the International Cooperation Administration in Washington that they wanted a survey of vocational training needs in those countries to be performed by Ort specialists. He said teams of Ort experts were sent to those countries and that their field studies were complete. Their report would be submitted soon to the ICA, he said.

"The surveys," Dr. Haber pointed out, "were an unusual assignment" for a Jewish organization because the scope of the studies "called for laying down the basic principles on which coordinated national systems of vocational education could be established" and on how new nations "should proceed in meeting their technical training problems."

He told the delegates that whatever the future may hold for the Jews of Morocco and Tunis, he felt that the work performed by Ort in the past and that scheduled for the future "has transformed these communities so that they can face the future."

He reported that Ort student enrollment in Israel was growing at the rate of about 30 percent a year, adding that Ort schools there were enrolling 10,000 students a year and that the figure would be 15,000 "before long." He said there would be 3,000 apprentices in training in Ort schools in Israel and that there would be "five and six thousand not many years from now."

ISRAEL RABBINATE PROTESTS JORDAN'S PLAN TO DESECRATE RACHEL'S TOMB

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim of Israel sounded a sharp protest today against the "wanton desecration" by the Jordanian Government of the Mount of Olives and Rachel's Tomb which are both in Jordan-held old Jerusalem.

The Chief Rabbi issued his protest after reliable reports were received here that Jordan planned to raze the cemetery to make way for a park and to convert Rachel's Tomb, one of world Jewry's most sacred shrines, into a mortuary. Deploping the lack of access by Jews to the shrine and the cemetery, Rabbi Nissim called on "enlightened opinion" throughout the world to protest against the planned desecration.

JOHANNESBURG JEWS PERTURBED OVER ISRAEL'S STAND AT U.N. ON SO. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish community, the most Zionist-minded Jewish community outside of Israel and one with the highest per capita contributions to Israel and a distinguished record in aliyah, today indicated that it was deeply disturbed by Israel-South African developments in the United Nations.

One source of the concern was reports that Israel was being lobbied to vote for Afro-Asian moves to impose sanctions against South Africa or to expel it from the United Nations. It was pointed out in Jewish circles here that South African Jewry, while recognizing that Israel, as an independent state, must be the sole arbiter of its foreign policies, nevertheless feels that it is wrong in principle for Israel to align itself with any extreme action against a country in which the Jewish community enjoys every freedom and respect. Such action on Israel's part may create a strain between Jews and non-Jews which previously did not exist, it was stressed.

South African Jews previously had criticized Israel's support of the Afro-Asian censure motion against South Africa's delegate in the United Nations. This criticism appeared in the Zionist Record, the organ of the South African Zionist Federation, and a statement issued by the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, the central representative body of South African Jewry.

In its current issue, the Jewish Herald, a Zionist-Revisionist organ, extended the criticism with the comment that "the censure vote established a dangerous precedent at the United Nations for it runs counter to the whole concept of freedom of speech in the General Assembly. Today it is South Africa and tomorrow the same group might seek to impose similar sanctions on Israel."

The Herald expressed the opinion that too much stress had been placed on the friendship which some Afro-Asian countries have shown Israel. "The test of their sincerity would come when the Assembly votes on the Arab refugee issue," the paper stated.

TWO-YEAR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER CONTROVERSY IN DETROIT SETTLED

DETROIT, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Detroit Jewish Community Center unanimously approved last night proposals for Sabbath programming aimed at ending a two-year controversy in the Detroit Jewish community over the issue.

The recommendations were proposed by a Committee for Sabbath Programming which was organized five weeks ago by Max M. Fisher, president of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation. The plan for the committee and the selection of its members was undertaken by Mr. Fisher as an interested citizen and not in his capacity as head of the Federation, which provides a subvention for the center's budget.

The committee was asked by Mr. Fisher to develop Sabbath programs in accordance with the goal of fostering "a positive attitude toward the Sabbath as a basic concept of Jewish life." The committee began its task by eliminating such "un-Sabbath-like" activities as smoking, handling of money. They also endorsed the curtailment of such center functions as its snack bar, shoe shine facility, massage room and use of vending machines.

The committee then developed and endorsed Sabbath activities of informal clubs, assembly-type mass activities, older adults programs, story-telling for children. Among the activities urged as proper for the Sabbath were swimming and informal recreation and athletics.

The committee also proposed that a representative committee of religious leaders, educators and laymen should re-evaluate its proposed program within the year. Rabbi Eliezer Levine, named to represent the Detroit rabbinate, on the Fisher committee, objected to the proposals drawn up by the committee and on that basis refused to participate in the final deliberations of the committee.

The Jewish News of Detroit, in an editorial today, commended the agreement on the Center programs. It pointed out that although it is doubtful whether any proposal for Sabbath programming could enroll the endorsement of all elements in the Detroit Jewish community, the agreement "ends a controversy" which aroused deep feelings in the community among supporters as well as opponents of the Center's decision to introduce programs on Saturday afternoons.

"The constructive approach to the need for attracting our youth to the Jewish environment and the Jewish interests provided by the Center has been formulated after careful consideration by responsible leaders in all aspects of Jewish thinking in our community," the editorial emphasized.

EL AL PLANES TESTED ON RADIATION EFFECTS; NO FALLOUT RESIDUE FOUND

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Officials of El Al National Airlines reported today that no fallout residue had been found in any El Al planes in tests made on board during the past few months. The testing, which included checks at Lydda airport, were started by airline officials because some of its planes fly over the North Pole.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN TO TRAIN 2,000 VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNAL WORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- A series of regional training programs will be provided by the National Council of Jewish Women for the 2,000 women volunteers who manage its network of local educational and service projects, it was announced here today by Mrs. Hymes, president, at the annual meeting of the organization's board of directors.

Mrs. Hymes said the training programs, which will be carried out next spring in ten cities in various parts of the country, are designed to cope with "extensive needs to develop leadership skills because of the enormous growth in the council's interests and services to the community during recent decades."

TWO JEWISH COMMUNITIES WIN C. J. F. W. F. AWARD FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

NEW YORK, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- An Eastern and a Midwestern Jewish community which have made parallel pioneering advances in city-wide medical and health programming have been named to receive American Jewry's highest social welfare honor--The William J. Shroder Memorial Award--it was announced today by William Rosenwald, chairman of the awards committee.

The joint winners of the 1961 award are The Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore and The Jewish Federation of St. Louis. They have initiated and developed over a period of many years--independently and simultaneously--similar integrated health programs. The Jewish Welfare Board was selected for honorable mention for its nation-wide programs of group work recruitment and scholarships.

The Shroder awards, established in 1953 to honor the memory of William J. Shroder, a prominent Cincinnati civic and business leader who was a founder of the CJFWF and its first president, are intended as a "continuing living tribute to his ideas, with the goal of giving renewed force, year after year, to the humanitarian purposes which he personified." They are presented annually to Jewish community organizations or national agencies for "superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of social welfare."

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY OPENS NEW YORK OFFICE; HAS 11,000 MEMBERS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- The opening of an office in New York by the Jewish Publication Society, which has its headquarters here, was announced today by Sol Satinsky, president. The announcement said that the JPS has now more than 11,000 members all over the world, of whom approximately 2,500 live in the New York area.

Established in 1888 as a non-profit organization for the purpose of publishing and disseminating books of Jewish interest, the JPS has published more than 500 titles with a distribution in excess of 5,000,000 volumes. Its outstanding contribution has been the translation and publication, in 1917, of The Holy Scripture according to the Masoretic text, which represents the first translation of the Bible into the English language under sponsorship of a Jewish community. This Bible is used by Jews wherever English is read, with a distribution of 900,000 volumes.

Other monumental works published by the JPS include Graetz' History of the Jews in six volumes and Ginzberg's Legends of the Jews in seven volumes. "These books plus many others in the fields of Jewish history, religion and literature have helped to strengthen and preserve the Jewish heritage during the past generations," Mr. Satinsky emphasized.

JEWISH LEADERS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO ATTEND PARIS MEMORIAL

PARIS, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- A number of Jewish leaders from East European countries have indicated their intention of attending a Warsaw Ghetto Revolt memorial which will be held here November 5, the sponsoring committee announced today. No response has been received from the Soviet Union which was also invited.

Among those accepting invitations were Chief Rabbi David Rosen of Rumania, Chief Rabbi Imre Benoschofsky of Hungary, Endre Sos, president of the Hungarian Jewish Consistory, and a delegation from Yugoslavia of members of Croatian Jewish communities led by A. Gentner, a member of the Croatian Supreme Court.

All participants also have been invited to take part in a ceremony which will be held at the Monument to the Unknown Jewish Martyr. French Minister for War Veterans Triboulet and Dr. Nahum Goldmann will preside at the second ceremony.

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR YESHIVA NAMED FOR LATE CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26; (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a Yeshiva named for the late Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Isaac Halevi Herzog, was laid today in Nehalim village near Petach Tikvah. The widow of the late Chief Rabbi and one of his sons, Colonel Haim Herzog, attended the ceremony which was addressed by Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro and Education Minister Abba Eban.