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J. D. C. PRESENTS STIRRING REPORT ON SITUATION OF JEWS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- A stirring picture of the situation of Jewish communities in Europe, North Africa and other parts of the world--and of the aid given to them by the Joint Distribution Committee--was presented to Jewish leaders from all over the United States and Canada by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, in a report for the annual meeting of the organization which opens tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Leavitt pointed out that despite the recovery of European Jewish communities, developments during this year prevented any sizeable decrease in the total number of Jews there requiring JDC assistance. He reported that more than 50,000 Jews received JDC aid in various European countries during 1961, in addition to aid given to Jews in Moslem countries and Israel.

Analyzing the Jewish situation country by country, the JDC leader said because of the new influx of Jews to France from Eastern Europe, Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia, the number of beneficiaries in France alone reached 23,000 this year. "This includes an average of 1,650 refugees monthly from Egypt and Eastern Europe; it also includes refugees from Algeria and Tunisia," he reported.

The report revealed that thousands of Jews left Tunisia for France within two months. As Tunisian nationals, they are permitted to take out no more than \$2,500 a piece. Few of them have friends or relatives in France. Most are therefore completely dependent on the aid of Jewish organizations, Mr. Leavitt emphasized.

"It is difficult to say how many of the Tunisian Jews who left for France between the Bizerte incident in mid-July and mid-September remained in Marseilles," he said. "But many thousands of Tunisian Jews are expected to enter France before the end of 1962, and Marseilles must be prepared for their reception. The JDC director-general and JDC consultants have made on-the-spot surveys, and a social worker has been assigned to work together with local groups."

New Jewish Refugees Also Reach Italy; Jews Leave Berlin

The JDC leader reported that new Jewish refugees, from Egypt and Eastern Europe, also reached Italy. A small number of these refugees received aid directly from JDC, others through the JDC-subsidized Union of Jewish Communities and other organizations. The total number of beneficiaries in Italy is 4,450, Mr. Leavitt stated.

"Nobody knows precisely how many Jews have left Berlin since the erection of the wall dividing East and West Berlin," Mr. Leavitt continued. "It is estimated, however, that up to 600 persons have departed. The major fear is for the city's economic future. The membership of the Gemeinden (Jewish communities) in West Germany numbered 21,685 as of June 30--JDC beneficiaries numbered 2,780."

Movement of Jews into and out of Poland has decreased sharply, the JDC leader reported. The repatriation of Jews from Russia has virtually ceased, he said, and emigration is at the rate of about 80-100 a month to Israel and about 50 to other countries. (About 500 a month left for Israel during 1960). "Nonetheless, the welfare needs of the 22,000 Polish Jews are still sizeable--some 12,000 now receive help," he stressed.

Reporting on the Jewish needs in Austria, Mr. Leavitt said that after many years' delay Austria finally passed legislation for the indemnification of Nazi victims, much more limited than German provisions. However, the implementation of this legislation still depends on the ratification by the German parliament of an agreement between Germany and Austria. The Jewish population of Austria, he said, is declining slowly--at the end of June it numbered 10,081, of whom 2,855 received the help of JDC.

Half of Jewish Population Left Cuba Since Castro Regime

The JDC leader also reviewed the needs of Jews in Belgium, Greece, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Norway and Portugal. He also touched on the emigration of Jews from Cuba. From Cuba, he reported, about half of the Jewish population has departed since Premier Fidel Castro took control, the vast majority during the first half of 1961. Because

of the great financial drain on the United Hias Service, which aids in the emigration and resettlement of Cuban Jews in this country, it was necessary for JDC to contribute some funds toward this migration, he pointed out.

The Joint Distribution Committee, Dr. Leavitt stated, also continued to support activities on behalf of refugees from Nazi Europe, as well as newer immigrants, in Brazil, Chile, China, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the Philippines and Uruguay. JDC-sponsored loan funds also provided assistance to Jews in Finland, Holland and Turkey. In Bombay, India, meals were provided regularly for hundreds of schoolchildren. Because of the influx of newcomers into Australia, it was necessary to institute a full-fledged welfare program which aided some 4,500 persons.

Anti-Jewish Attacks in No. African Countries Increased in 1961

Emphasizing that aid to Jews in North African countries "continues to be a necessity," Mr. Leavitt reported that 87,000 Jews there are JDC beneficiaries. "It must be clear," he said, "that conditions are not identical in all Moslem countries. But throughout North Africa, 1961 saw anti-Jewish attacks spread from one city to another, from one country to another. These attacks added to a situation which had already become difficult because of worsening economic conditions."

Clashes in Algiers in December 1960, culminating in the desecration of the city's largest synagogue, foreshadowed the events of 1961, he stated. "In January, when Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic, arrived in Casablanca to attend a conference of five African nations, hundreds of Jews were arrested, mistreated and humiliated, not only in Casablanca but in other Moroccan cities. The same month, the press staged a violent anti-Jewish campaign following the sinking of a ship carrying illegal emigrants. In February, many Jews were arrested in Fez, Meknes and Sefrou, charged with distributing leaflets urging Jews to emigrate, Mr. Leavitt said in his report.

In Tunisia, the report continued, the Jewish position deteriorated so much in July that Jews began to leave the country en masse. The Jewish community of Tunis, where the majority of the country's Jews are, derives 80 percent of its income from a tax on ritual slaughtering. In 1961, this source of income dropped by more than 50 percent; as a result, the community is unable to continue its previous support for welfare and educational activities. This puts an additional burden on the JDC budget for Tunisia. Some 14,900 Tunisian Jews received JDC's aid during the first six months of the year.

In Morocco, the report related, the Jewish communities were so outraged by the police excesses committed during Nasser's visit that they submitted their grievances to King Mohammed V on February 16th. They also asked the King to lift restrictions on emigration, to prohibit compulsory conversion of Jewish girls and to accord legal status to the Jewish communities. The King promised to give these requests favorable consideration; there has in fact been some liberalization in issuing passports since then. When Mohammed V died unexpectedly at the end of February, his son, Hassan II, showed the same benevolent attitude. A new constitution, promulgated in June, recognized that all Moroccans were equal.

"Nevertheless, the condition of the Jews remains basically insecure," the report stressed. The financial position of the Jewish communities deteriorated as a result of general economic conditions, as well as the specific difficulties of the Jewish population. The future of Jewish communal services is doubtful. The Ministry of National Education has adopted a plan for the nationalization of the Alliance Israelite Universelle schools. One-third of the classes have already been integrated into the national educational system. Meanwhile, Alliance, functioning since April as "Alliance Maroc," is now classified as a private educational organization. It is against this background that JDC aided some 67,900 Moroccan Jews during 1961."

71,910 Newcomers Aided in Israel by J.D.C. Welfare Program

Mr. Leavitt reported that during 1961, JDC aided 71,910 men, women and children in Israel. Of this number, 44,610 received the help of JDC-Malben, the welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to the Jewish State.

"The year saw Malben continuing to implement a policy first formulated in 1958, which shifts the emphasis from institutional care of the aged to extra-mural care, giving priority within institutions to bedridden cases. Another major policy provides for increased cooperation by Malben with government and voluntary agencies in the field of public health and welfare," the report said. As a result of these programs, Malben's institutional caseload dropped from 6,161 at the beginning of the year to 5,640 on September 1. Malben's largest institutional caseload is still the 3,429 in homes for the aged, but this number is continuing to decrease.

In addition to the Malben program, JDC continued its long-standing support for a variety of cultural and religious programs in Israel, with a total of 17,000 beneficiaries. During the 1960-61 school year, three new institutions were added to the list of JDC-subsidized yeshivoh, bringing the total to 95, with 10,387 students. An interesting fact is that 35 percent of the students in the 13-17 age group are from families from Moslem countries.

U. J. A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS SUNDAY; TO PROCLAIM \$95, 000, 000 DRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- American Jewry was urged today to mobilize its maximum efforts for the United Jewish Appeal in order to enable Israel to cope with the current rate of immigration. The call came in a cable from Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion--who is now on a state visit in Burma--addressed to the 1,500 delegates of the 24th annual UJA National Conference which will open Sunday at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel;

Terming UJA aid to immigrants in Israel "indispensable," the Prime Minister said in his cable that the current wave of immigration into Israel is "one of the greatest challenges we have faced in the last decade." The new immigration, Mr. Ben-Gurion noted, is straining the absorptive capacities of the people of Israel, who are still trying to meet the resettlement needs of more than 300,000 immigrants of previous years. "We will bring in this year's newcomers gladly," the message noted, "but we turn to you of UJA to raise a great sum over and above what you have done in recent years.

"We in Israel are determined to keep the gates open to all," the Prime Minister's cable stressed. "We have just added a new compulsory loan to heavy taxes and are paring national and individual expenditures, but we cannot do it alone. In the achievement of our vital mission, we count upon the UJA, the noble creation of American Jewry which has done so much to strengthen our hands ever since Israel came into being. Together, let the people of Israel and American Jewry through the UJA fulfill our common duty in rescue and settlement."

Substantial Number of Big Gifts Made in Advance, Meyerhoff Reveals

Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman, said that in order to translate that duty into action, the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal will call on the 1,500 delegates to adopt a Special Fund of \$35,000,000 in 1962 in addition to the UJA Regular Campaign for \$60,000,000. A substantial number of big gifts have been made in advance of the double drive, the UJA general chairman indicated. Announcement of these gifts at the conference will mark the earliest launching of a UJA campaign in its history.

The total goal of \$95,000,000 will be presented at the Conference by Mr. Meyerhoff after an extensive analysis and discussion of the budgetary needs of UJA member agencies. Reports to be presented by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Aryeh L. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, "will graphically demonstrate both the strain and the challenge noted by the Prime Minister, in terms of UJA-supported operations," Mr. Meyerhoff said.

Featured speakers at the conference will include Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Secretary of Labor; Dr. Giora Josephthal, Israel Minister of Development and Housing; Mrs. Marietta Tree, U.S. Representative on the UN Commission Human Rights; Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the U.S.; and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations;

In addition to Mr. Meyerhoff and UJA executive vice-chairman Herbert A. Friedman, who will address the conference, other UJA officers who will participate in key sessions are William Rosenwald, national chairman representing JDC; Dewey D. Stone, national chairman representing the United Israel Appeal; honorary national chairmen Edward M. M. Warburg and Morris W. Berinstein; and national chairmen Max M. Fisher and Jack D. Beiler.

U.S. POLICY ON ARAB REFUGEES IS REPATRIATION, RESETTLEMENT, COMPENSATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The United States today made it clear before the United Nations Special Political Committee--which is discussing the Arab refugee problem--that contrary to the Arab insistence that repatriation of the refugees is the only solution to the problem, the U.S. Government sees the solution in a three-pronged program of repatriation of some of the refugees, resettlement of some in the Arab lands where they reside, and compensation by Israel of Arabs for property left in Israel.

Ambassador Francis T. P. Plimpton, American representative at the Committee, told the delegates of the 103-nation body at today's session that "the United States again affirms, as it has many times in the past, its firm support of the provisions for repatriation, resettlement and compensation and its earnest hope for the early implementation of those provisions."

Mr. Plimpton pointed to the report filed by the Palestine Conciliation Commission as a result of the survey of the Arab refugee problem made recently by Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He said that "the United States considers that Dr. Johnson has ably carried out the preliminary phase of these exploratory discussions."

Stressing the fact that Dr. Johnson has recommended that the Commission should be authorized to continue its efforts in the Arab refugee field for another year, Mr. Plimpton said: "Let me stress that we have here a potentially constructive, hopeful element

such as has not been present for many years. Only through such sustained but quiet effort is there hope of advance through the maze of controversy surrounding this problem. The expectations we entertain are limited and most cautious--but let us at least give them a fair chance to materialize."

Apparently aiming at Dr. Shukairy, who had lashed Dr. Johnson and the Johnson report severely, Mr. Plimpton declared: "We cannot help but deplore any official statement or official public action whether past or present, making more difficult the effort of the Commission through the quiet instrumentality of a special representative" to make progress in regard to the refugee issue.

U.C. Delegate Pleads to End 'Acrimonious' Debate on Refugees

Mr. Plimpton pleaded for an end to "the acrimonious and stormy debate." He said the United States is convinced that the work of the PCC if continued and intensified, is the best way to achieve progress on the whole refugee problem. He told the Committee that if the current debate proves conducive to a continuation of the PCC's endeavors, "the United States Government would be prepared in connection therewith to support a limited extension of UNRWA's mandate this year." The present mandate of UNRWA is due to expire June 30, 1963.

"We urge this Committee," the American Ambassador said, "to concentrate its debate, its proposals and its action on the welfare of the refugees themselves, to forego fruitless controversy, and to adopt the positive, constructive and forward-looking attitude that alone can contribute toward progress along the hard road to eventual settlement of the tragic human problem that we all long to see solved."

Totally disregarding Mr. Plimpton's reasoned approach, Emil Ghory, one-time secretary-general of the Arab Higher Committee, took the floor on behalf of what he calls the "Palestine Arab delegation." Mr. Ghory, a colleague of the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who is a Hitler collaborator, denounced the American position and the Johnson report as "a plot to liquidate the Arab refugee problem" by mentioning resettlement, integration and compensation as possible alternatives to "repatriation."

Earlier in the day, Saudi Arabian delegate Ahmad Shukairy delivered another lengthy anti-Israel diatribe and was answered briefly by Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative. Outlining the main points of Israel's current position, Ambassador Comay emphasized that the Arabs started the 1948 hostilities aimed at wiping out Israel and the Arab aggressions which created the refugee problem.

Thirty-two governments yesterday pledged \$32,500,000 for the 1962 program of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees at a special pledging conference held here by the General Assembly. The UNRWA target for 1962 funds had been set at \$40,000,000. Of the total pledged yesterday, the United States, which has been providing 70 percent of all UNRWA funds, pledged \$24,700,000.

EICHMANN REPORTED IN GERMANY TO HAVE TURNED COMMUNIST IN JAIL

MUNICH, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- A Munich newspaper, Abendzeitung, claimed today that former Gestapo colonel Adolf Eichmann had turned Communist in his jail cell in Israel where he is awaiting a verdict on charges of having directed the Nazi wartime slaughter of 6,000,000 Jewish men, women and children. Dieter Wechtenbruch, who served as assistant defense counsel during Eichmann's trial last summer, declined to comment on the report.

According to the newspaper, the political testament which Eichmann has been writing in his jail cell has reached West Germany through the Egyptian secret service. Eichmann reportedly has written that he felt that "for security and peace of the coming generation, nothing could be more suitable than the implementation of Marxist-Leninist doctrine."

He was also cited as declaring in this testament that he was convinced that Hitler and other Nazi leaders were just "figures in a game of international fatalism." Reading of the verdict against Eichmann will begin in Jerusalem next Monday.

CATHOLIC WOMAN, CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING JEWISH CHILD, SURRENDERS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7: (JTA) -- Elizabeth Van Moorst, the Dutch spinster who five years ago went into hiding with her Jewish foster child Anneke Beekman in order to raise her as a Christian, surrendered today to Dutch authorities to face a six-month jail sentence for kidnaping.

The child was entrusted to the care of Miss Van Moorst just before her Jewish parents were taken by the Nazis to a death camp. The girl was taken abroad by her foster mother after a Dutch court ordered the child to be turned over to Jewish friends of her parents.

A number of papers here today urged the authorities to reject an appeal for a pardon filed on behalf of Miss Van Moorst. In an interview on a television program today, Miss Beekman, who is now 21, said she was "happily baptized" for nine years.

ANTI-JEWISH STATEMENT BY CANADIAN PRIEST REPUDIATED BY DIOCESE OFFICIAL

TORONTO, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- An official of the Diocese of the Anglican Primate of Canada has repudiated the viciously anti-Jewish statement by an Anglican priest which appeared last month in a local Anglican publication, it was disclosed today.

The article by the Rev. H. R. Rokeby-Thomas, which appeared in the Huron Church News, questioned the loyalty to their countries of all Jews outside of Israel, denounced Israel for its "injustice" toward Adolf Eichmann, excused Nazi Germany for its anti-Semitism and declared there could never be peace between Christianity and Judaism. The Huron Church News is the official publication of the Church in London, Ontario. The Rt. Rev. George Luxton, Anglican Bishop of the Diocese and editor-in-chief of the Huron publication, said it was not his duty "to condemn or denounce" the article.

The repudiation came from Canon E. W. Scott, executive director of the Anglican Social Service of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. The diocese is the seat of the Anglican Primate of Canada, the Most Rev. H. H. Clark who is the senior Anglican ecclesiastic of Canada.

Says Church Holds Different View; Regrets Publication of Statement

Canon Scott repudiated the article in a statement to the Jewish Post of Winnipeg in which he said that "the official view of the church is quite different from that set forth by Mr. Rokeby-Thomas." Canon Scott added that "many Anglicans locally and nationally, while believing in the right and importance of free speech, disagree fundamentally with the views expressed by Rev. Rokeby-Thomas and regret that they ever appeared in print in a Church publication."

The Canon also cited a statement of the Canadian Council of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches. The Canon said that the statement had been endorsed and publicized by the Council for Social Service of the Anglican Church and that he felt the statement "could well apply to the article in question."

The statement he cited quoted the Canadian Council as viewing "with great sorrow the spread of anti-Semitic propaganda in Canada by various agencies at the present time. Such agitation tends to break the fundamental unity of Canadian life and therefore the status to which all elements of our population are legally entitled. We call upon the leaders of our Christian churches to urge their people to ignore such propaganda and so far as it bears the imprimatur of 'Christian' organizations, to repudiate it as utterly un-Christian."

Canon Scott declared that Rev. Rokeby-Thomas "was not speaking" in his article "for the Diocese of Huron and certainly was not speaking for the Diocese of Rupert's Land nor for the Anglican Church of Canada."

U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDERS F. B. I. PROBE OF BIAS IN WASHINGTON SUBURB

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was disclosed today to have ordered an investigation by the FBI in a fashionable Washington suburb; FBI agents have been interviewing homeowners in Wesley Heights to determine whether restrictive covenants signed 30 years ago are a violation of anti-trust regulations.

The suburban development is one of several in the area built and sold by the W. C. and A. H. Miller Company which has been under criticism for requiring buyers to sign agreements which ban re-sale or rental of property without the company's express consent.

Observers here said that although all Miller-sold houses still come with attached restrictive covenants, the investigation of a development dating back three decades was intended as a dramatic demonstration of the fact that such restrictions are still in effect during all those years. No legal action is presently planned by the Justice Department, however, it was reported.

GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION URGES INCLUSION OF HERUT IN JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- The executive of the World Confederation of General Zionists, meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here, today authorized its presidium to take the necessary steps for the preparation of a worldwide conference of General Zionists to be convened in cooperation with all organizations and groups favoring unification of the General Zionist movement on a world-wide basis.

Noting that the Zionists Revisionists--Herut are the only party not represented in the Jewish Agency, the executive of the World Confederation, of which Dr. Emanuel Neumann is the head, went on record in favor of their inclusion. A resolution to this effect will be presented by representatives of the World Confederation at the next meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem.

Another resolution calls upon the governing bodies of the World Zionist Organization to urge the Israel Government to introduce the necessary changes designed to improve aliyah absorption from western countries;

DETERIORATION OF JEWISH FAMILY LIFE IN U.S. STRESSED AT CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- The social and economic upheavals of the industrial revolution and two world wars has caused a breakdown in traditional Jewish family life, Rabbi Jeshua Schnitzer, who is also a social worker, declared today. As a result, he said, the family has abdicated its role to the synagogue and the communal organization. He spoke at the fourth annual assembly of rabbis and social workers at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Dr. Schnitzer pointed out that the synagogues today, despite their growth in attendance, no longer fulfill their past function as a place of prayer, nor can they adequately give the sense of "belonging" and the moral guidance that is "properly" the role of the parent.

Stressing that delinquency in Jewish youths has been found to exist among families in middle income groups, Dr. Schnitzer noted that despite material advantages, a void was found to exist between children and parents. Emotional neglect had replaced material disadvantage. Furthermore, Dr. Schnitzer stated, that neither the synagogue nor the communal organization was capable of providing the moral-ethical development necessary for the growth and maturation of Jewish youth.

TWO NATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS PLEDGE OPPOSITION TO PREJUDICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- Two national women's groups, one Christian and the other Jewish, approved at a joint meeting yesterday a 10-point code of action for their members which stresses opposition to prejudice.

The code, approved by the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association and the National Council of Jewish Women, also calls on members to work for the protection of individual liberties and to support efforts for world peace.

Mrs. Charles Hymes, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, called on all Council members to sign the code and treat it as a pledged effort. Mrs. Hymes said that "continuing patterns of prejudice and discrimination" are a basic challenge to democracy. The code was lauded by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who addressed the 250 leaders of the two national groups.

STREET IN BRAZILIAN TOWN TO BE NAMED 'STATE OF ISRAEL STREET'

RIC DE JANEIRO, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- The Municipal Council of the provincial town of Curitiba today decided to rename one of the central streets in the town "State of Israel Street." The decision was voted as an expression of solidarity with the Jewish community following the desecration by vandals of 40 tombstones in the town's Jewish cemetery.

The Jewish community had earlier thanked the Municipal Council for an offer to pay for the damage to the gravestones, estimated at \$6,000, but Jewish groups expressed the desire to finance the repair work themselves.

JEWISH LEADER IN BRAZIL DECORATED BY AUSTRIA FOR SCIENTIFIC WORK

RIC DE JANEIRO, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- Professor Fritz Feigl, president of the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Brazil, and a world-famous scientist, was today awarded by the Austrian Government, the Gold Medal for Scientific Achievement for his work in the field of analytical chemistry. The award was presented to Dr. Feigl at a luncheon in his honor given by the Austrian Ambassador.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM GIVES \$5,000 AS GIFT FOR ARAB REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- A gift of \$5,000 for Arab refugees was announced here today by the American Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund to help demonstrate "its humanitarian, non-political concern for the welfare of the less fortunate" and to help "lessen the friction between Moslem and Jew."

Henry S. Moyer, president of the Philanthropic Fund, revealed that the gift was made to Church World Service, the relief and rehabilitation agency of the National Council of Churches.

AMERICAN TECHNIION SOCIETY RE-ELECTS JACOB SENSIBAR AS PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 7; (JTA) -- Jacob R. Sensibar of Chicago has been re-elected president of the American Technion Society, it was announced today. Re-elected also were David Rose, board chairman; and U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits and Dr. Abraham Tulin, honorary chairmen.

The Society is a nationwide organization composed mainly of engineers, scientists, industrialists and educators that provides technical and financial support for the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. Mr. Sensibar has been actively identified with all efforts to build Israel through engineering know-how and modern technology. His firm carried out the reclamation of nearly 19,000 acres of swampland in the Huleh region of northern Israel.