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### JEWISH AGENCY, INC., ALLOCATES \$40,000,000 FOR IMMIGRATION NEEDS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., today announced the approval by its Board of Directors of allocations totaling \$40,000,000 for the transportation, absorption and resettlement of immigrants in Israel. The announcement was made by Joseph Meyerhoff, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and vice-chairman of the JAFI, Inc.

Mr. Meyerhoff pointed out that of the total of \$40,000,000, some \$7,000,000 represent supplementary allocations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1961, while the balance constitutes initial allocations for the fiscal year starting April 1, 1962. Major categories of allocations include over \$13,000,000 for transportation and services en route; close to \$10,000,000 for initial absorption aid; close to \$8,000,000 for immigrant housing; and \$7,500,000 for the consolidation of agricultural villages.

Mr. Meyerhoff stated that all allocations are based on a careful line-by-line review of current needs as submitted by the Agency's consultant, Dr. Isador Lubin. He added that, as in the past, the 1962-63 allocations would be subject to review throughout the year. The total financial requirements of the JAFI, Inc., program in Israel for the coming fiscal year are estimated at \$68,200,000.

Aryeh L. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem, and a member of the Board of Directors of the JAFI, Inc., submitted to the Board an analysis of the most urgent problems of immigrant absorption in Israel. Terming the current increase in immigration to Israel "a challenge which may become a blessing or a catastrophe, depending on our ability to finance essential aid programs," Mr. Pincus indicated some of the "critical areas" in the agency's activities.

### Devaluation of Israel's Currency Increases Transportation Costs

Transportation costs, most of which must be paid for in hard currency, will take a much larger share of the Jewish Agency's budget due to the recent devaluation of the Israel pound, Mr. Pincus pointed out. Construction of immigrant housing barely keeps pace with increased immigration, at times causing new arrivals to be moved into unfinished units, he said. Lack of a minimum housing reserve also creates absorption problems since new arrivals must be sent to wherever empty units are available regardless of prospects for suitable employment in that particular area, he reported.

"Facilities for the absorption and training of immigrant youth, especially in the new development areas, are inadequate, leaving many young newcomers without proper guidance and with an intense sense of frustration," the Jewish Agency treasurer continued. "New immigrant farm villages whose economic consolidation had to be delayed far beyond original plans find it increasingly difficult to hold their own in the rapidly changing pattern of Israel's agricultural economy. Newcomers who because of age, health or emotional problems require special aid are liable to become social problem cases because funds for their rehabilitation are insufficient."

Mr. Pincus paid tribute to American Jewry whose generous contributions to the UJA have made possible an unprecedented immigration and rehabilitation program in Israel. "For 14 years, the dedication of the leadership of the UJA has matched the dedication of our own people 'on the firing line,' the men and women who stand ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to meet the immigrant trains, boats and planes," Mr. Pincus stated. "Yet, as long as this immigration continues we, in Israel, must ask of our American friends no more and no less than we are daily asking of ourselves and of our own people: to continue with all possible effort until the great historic task of ingathering has been completed."

### IO. AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CANCELS PRIVILEGES IN SENDING FUNDS TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, April 16. (JTA) -- The Government has withdrawn all special privileges which permitted the Zionist Federation here to transfer funds to Israel outside normal controls established for foreign exchange transfers, it was revealed here today. However, rumors that the Government has halted the transfer of funds to Israel altogether were denied today at the capital at Pretoria.

The Government, it was stated authoritatively, has only ended "favored nation" concessions to Israel, but will still consider applications for fund transfers on the merits of

each application and in terms of regulations. Private money transfers to Israel, and commercial transactions, will continue in normal fashion, Pretoria authorities stated.

Edel Horwitz, chairman of the Zionist Federation here, confirmed the facts, but declined to comment.

#### 'SEVERE RESTRICTIONS' INDICATED FOR ISRAELIS; COST OF LIVING RISES

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Israel's new economic policy, which went into effect last February with the devaluation of the pound, must also embrace "a rigid economic policy, entailing severe restrictions," Y. Foerder, chairman of the Bank Leumi board of directors, warned here today. He made his statement at the opening of the bank's shareholders' 60th annual meeting here.

The new economic policy, said the head of Israel's largest bank, must be given priority, "lest the economy remain in an unclear and actually adverse position." He told the stockholders that he did not think the timing of the devaluation, on February 9, had been "appropriate," and that the pegging of the Israeli pound at three for a dollar "was not enough." He said a higher rate should have been fixed.

The bank head also said the Government should abstain from adding new governmental companies, should increase credits and should, "above all," prevent wage increases.

It was learned here today that the March cost-of-living index rose by 2.5 points and it was estimated that, by July, the cost-of-living allowances for Israeli wage earners will be increased by about 50 Israeli pounds. The steepest rise was recorded in the prices of foods. Compared with March 1961, the cost of living rose by 11 percent.

Meanwhile, it was indicated here today that Israel expects its income from tourism to exceed 100,000,000 pounds (over \$33,000,000) this year. Theodor Kollek, chairman of the Government Tourist Corporation, and Meir Deshalit, the company's director-general, told a news conference that more than 160,000 tourists have entered Israel thus far this year.

According to the officials, the recent devaluation of the Israeli pound has resulted in the lowering of the cost of hotel rooms by about 15 percent. The decreases in the cost of meals for tourists were even larger, they said.

#### SIXTY ARAB VILLAGES IN ISRAEL TO GET ELECTRICITY, MINISTRY ANNOUNCES

JERUSALEM, April 16. (JTA) -- Sixty Arab villages in Israel with a total population of some 120,000, will be linked up to the national electric power network, according to plans announced here today by the Ministry of Development.

Under a five-year master project, the Ministry will also step up housing construction in Arab villages with the first 350 units scheduled for completion during the current fiscal year. Some 20,000,000 pounds (\$6,667,000) are earmarked for the projects.

#### AUSTRIA ANNOUNCES INDEMNIFICATION RULES; SETS DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS

VIENNA, April 16. (JTA) -- Certain Jewish persecutees under the Nazi regime in this country have only until next August 31 to file their applications for special indemnification, it was announced here today by the Government Fund for Indemnification for Financial Losses of Political Persecutees.

The indemnification, according to the notice, will be paid only for losses suffered through confiscation of bank accounts, stocks, cash, mortgages, payment of emigration taxes and assessments imposed by the Nazi regime on Austrian Jews. Application forms, which must reach here not later than next August 31, are available from the Austrian Government foreign missions, or the Jewish Community Council in Vienna, or the United Relief Organization.

According to the official notice, it is not yet known how high the payments will be. But, on the basis of applications filed thus far, it is estimated that claimants entitled to this form of indemnification will receive about 40 percent of their losses.

#### BERLIN SENATE PAYS TRIBUTE TO 44 GERMANS WHO HID JEWS FROM NAZIS

BERLIN, April 16. (JTA) -- The West Berlin Senate of the Interior paid an hour-long tribute to 44 citizens of West Germany as unsung heroes who had hidden Jewish fellow-citizens or other persecuted Germans during the Nazi regime.

Many of them did so for years and frequently were in constant danger of their own lives for shielding those hunted by the Nazis. The occasion was organized to commemorate a period of German history when there had been manifestations of human feeling while humanity was being trampled on.

#### ITALIAN AUTHORITIES DISCOVER COINS ENGRAVED WITH SWASTIKAS; TAKE ACTION

ROME, April 16. (JTA) -- Small Italian coins--valued at five lire and 10 lire--bearing an engraved swastika, have recently shown up in a number of localities in northern Italy, government authorities here revealed today. Efforts are being made to confiscate the swastika-embellished coins and to trace makers and distributors of the defaced money pieces, police here said.

### JEWISH SITUATION IN ALGERIA AND RUSSIA REVIEWED BY BOARD OF DEPUTIES

LONDON, April 16. (JTA) -- Persecutions of Jews in Russia and the situation of Algerian Jewry under that area's new provisional government, were discussed here yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, central representative body of British Jewry.

Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board, repeated an appeal he voiced to the Soviet Government two months ago, requesting clemency for Russian Jews sentenced to death for alleged "economic offenses." He also reiterated protests against the Soviet ban on the baking of matzohs in state factories this year.

Referring to an anti-Israeli statement made in Cairo last week by Ahmed Ben Bella, vice-premier of the Provisional Algerian Government, Sir Barnett questioned whether "such an extremist attitude by a leader of the new Algeria" must not place in "serious doubt the validity of the promises made for the future of the Jews in Algeria."

### TWO JEWS IN NEW FRENCH CABINET; ONE WAS MEMBER OF FORMER CABINET

PARIS, April 16. (JTA) -- Two Jews are members of the new French Cabinet announced here today by the new Prime Minister, Georges Pompidou, who is a director and former general manager of the Rothschild Bank.

The two Jews in the Cabinet are Michel Maurice-Bokanowsky, a holdover from the former Debre Cabinet, now holding the post of Minister of Commerce and Industry; and Gilbert Grandval, named as Secretary of State for External Affairs.

M. Maurice-Bokanowsky, born in France of Jewish-Polish immigrants, was Minister for Posts and Telecommunications in the Debre Government. He is credited with having achieved a highly successful reorganization of the French postal service. An early member of the Gaullist Union for the New Republic, he had previously been elected to the Chamber of Deputies from a Parisian constituency.

Mr. Grandval, a left Gaullist, formerly served as secretary-general of the French merchant navy, a non-Cabinet post. In that capacity, he was constantly in touch with many Israeli firms with which he had signed Israeli orders placed with French ship-builders. Born of Alsatian parents, he served as an air pilot during the early phase of World War II. After France was defeated by the German armies, he headed one of the main resistance movements. Following the liberation of France, he was named High Commissioner for the Saar. Later, he was French Governor-General of Morocco, the last Frenchman holding that post.

### GERMAN PROSECUTOR SEEKS EVIDENCE OF ARRESTED BUCHENWALD CAMP LEADERS

COLOGNE, April 16. (JTA) -- The West German prosecutor here issued an appeal today to former inmates at the Buchenwald concentration camp to report whatever evidence they might possess against any or all of 16 former top Buchenwald staff members suspected of having been implicated in the murder of Buchenwald inmates.

All 16 had previously been sentenced by an American tribunal, which had tried them in 1947 for crimes against foreign nationals. The local prosecutor has started an investigation into crimes committed by the same men against German nationals. Information is to be addressed to the Landsgericht, Justizgebäude, Appelloplatz, Cologne, and is to use the reference number "24-Js-54061-Z."

The suspects are Wolfgang Otto, Otto Barnwald, Prince Josias zu Waldéck, August Bender, Anton Bergmeister, Arthur Diezsch, Hans Eisele, Philip Grimm, Heinrich Roscher, Gustav Heigel, Peter Merker, Guido Reimer, Helmut Roscher, Albert Schwarz, Walter Wendt and Franz Zinnecker. All are former members of Buchenwald's administrative and supervisory staff.

### ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCE ON VITAL COMMUNAL PROBLEMS

BUENOS AIRES, April 16. (JTA) -- Delegations from 21 Jewish communities in Argentina are participating in a national conference organized by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, to discuss problems concerning Jewish communal life in the country. The conference is taking place in the city of Cordoba.

Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, DAIA president, said that two problems will occupy the center of discussion at the parley. The first is a re-evaluation of the resurgence of anti-Semitism in this country. Dr. Goldenberg emphasized although anti-Semitism has not spread among the masses of the Argentine people, it must be examined as an urgent problem.

The other of the more important items on the agenda, Dr. Goldenberg said, is the status of Jewish education in the light of the recent trend to permit local authorities to implement separate, provincial educational programs.

The conference will also hear a report from Marc Turkow, representative of the World Jewish Congress, on the situation of the Jews in various countries. Mr. Turkow just returned from Copenhagen where he attended the session of the World Jewish Congress executive and other world Jewish parleys held there last month.

## SUPREME COURT REJECTS CHALLENGE ON TAX EXEMPTION OF RELIGIOUS PROPERTY

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court today rejected an appeal challenging the constitutionality of state-granted tax exemptions on church property.

The appeal grew out of a case filed by a Cranston, R. I., firm which claimed that exemption of churches from taxation increased the tax on the firm's property. The company's attack on the constitutionality of church exemptions had previously been turned down by the Rhode Island Supreme Court. In a brief statement, the high tribunal said it was refusing to consider the appeal "for want of a substantial Federal question."

## DETROIT FEDERATION PUBLISHES STUDY ON ADULT JEWISH POPULATION

DETROIT, April 16. (JTA) -- A third of the adult Jewish population in Detroit was born in Detroit or Michigan, another quarter was born elsewhere in the United States, and slightly less than a half were born abroad, it was established in a study made public today by the Jewish Welfare Federation here.

The study, conducted for the Federation by Dr. Albert J. Mayer, of Wayne State University, shows that, of 100 Jewish families in Detroit, about 50 are headed by foreign-born adults, 40 contain parents native to the U. S. but whose parents were foreign born, and of the two remaining families only two had grandparents born in the United States.

"It can be said," Dr. Mayer added, "that today the influence of European Jewish culture is still strongly imprinted on the American Jewish community, but this period is quickly drawing to a close. The Detroit Jewish community contains individuals born on all continents and in all European countries. Together these persons of varied national origins make up over one-quarter of the foreign born."

The Jewish Welfare Federation also has made public another study by Dr. Mayer, on the educational level of the Detroit Jewish population. This survey shows that half of the men and a third of the women in the Detroit Jewish population went beyond high school, the comparative figure for the general population being one in six who went beyond high school. Men, it is shown, are more likely to have gone to college.

Pointing out that positions in family businesses attract the younger people instead of education, Dr. Mayer stated that "It is highly probable that the younger people do have less education than the middle age group." He denied, however, that education is losing ground in the Jewish group and he suggested further investigation into this question.

### Almost All Jewish Children in City are American Born

In evaluating the composition of the Jewish population in Detroit, Dr. Mayer said: "There is still a strong foreign born element in the Detroit Jewish population. While the children are almost entirely native, the adults are often foreign born. Only about a quarter of the foreign born are under 45 years old, and the bulk are in the 45 to 64-year-age group.

"In 20 years the bulk of the adult Jewish population under 65 years of age will be American born. This demographic fact will be a significant characteristic of the American Jewish community," Dr. Mayer stressed.

Most of the present adult population came here before they were 20 years old, the study showed. Less than one out of five was over 35 years of age when they came to the United States and the distinction between those of foreign birth and the native born is not as sharp as appears at first glance.

"There is little difference between the people native to the United States and the people who came here before they were adolescent. More important is the fact that both had foreign parents. Today's adult Jewish population is preponderantly--90 percent--either foreign born themselves or children of a foreign born father. Only about 20 percent had native parents," Dr. Mayer pointed out.

## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AWARDS RESEARCH GRANTS TO HEBREW U.

WASHINGTON, April 16. (JTA) -- The United States Department of Agriculture announced yesterday it has awarded three research grants to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The grants, totaling more than \$130,000, will cover studies of genetic changes in forage crops, the effects of drought on crop productivity and control of a disease which attacks corn crops. The studies will be carried out over a period of several years.

## CHILDREN OF THREE CHURCHES JOIN IN MODEL SEDER AT NEW YORK SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, April 16. (JTA) -- Some 100 children from three churches joined 400 member youths of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue here in participating in a model seder at the synagogue. Rabbi Edward E. Klein, spiritual leader of the synagogue, conducted the seder which included matzoh and other traditional Passover foods.

The Christian guests at the seder included children from the Church of the Master, the Unitarian Church of All Souls and the Good Shepherd-Faith Presbyterian Church. In a message to the participants, Rabbi Klein stressed the need to recognize the brotherhood of different races and creeds.