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FRENCH JEWRY GIRDS FOR UNPRECEDENTED MASS INFLUX FROM ALGERIA

PARIS, May 7. (JTA) -- The French Jewish community prepared today to receive and absorb a massive immigration from Algeria, unprecedented in magnitude since the flight of the Jews from Germany during the Hitler regime, that is expected to double the size of the permanent French Jewish population.

The general assembly of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the central welfare organization, concluding its annual general conference today, heard reports on the situation of the Jews in Algeria and the extent of the problems with which the new immigration will confront the French community. In recent years, the French Jewish community has had to receive and absorb large numbers of Jewish refugees from Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco.

One of the first plans to be put into operation will be the reception of thousands of Algerian Jewish children whose parents want to place them in safety in Metropolitan France. The Strasbourg Jewish community is leading the way in this project and will receive the largest number of children. The community will convert all its homes, institutions and other buildings into temporary children's shelters. It will thus be able to care for several hundred children in addition to the 220 for whom it is already caring.

In general, however, the FSJU will concentrate on long-term measures and for development of an expanded community structure that will facilitate the absorption of the newcomers into the life of the community. Most of the efforts will be therefore, along the lines of the social, religious and cultural absorption of the repatriates who are in danger of feeling lost or deserted in their new surroundings.

The French Government has enacted legislation to assist the economic integration of all the refugees from Algeria, but the FSJU will try to supplement this assistance in certain hard-core cases.

Needs of Youth Stressed in Plans; Emergency Absorption Budget Set

The plans adopted by the General Assembly placed great weight on the establishment of new youth centers, Jewish day schools, synagogues and clubs. The organization foresees creation of a large youth movement encompassing native-born as well as refugee children. The movement, which it is hoped to launch this autumn, will be based on the Soviet movement but with modifications to adapt it to the special circumstances here.

A. Kellerman, introducing the report on resolutions at the assembly, stressed that funds raised through a special emergency campaign will be separately budgeted and used exclusively for absorption of North African Jews. He paid tribute to the Joint Distribution Committee, the Central British Fund and the Jewish Colonization Association for their aid in dealing with the situation.

"We must not conceal the fact," M. Kellerman warned, "that should there be a massodus, all our projects as well as the Government's program will be outdated and outworn." He pledged French Jewry to do its utmost for Algerian Jewry, and said it would continue to encourage their emigration to Israel. "Israel should not serve, however, as an alibi for our own shortcomings," he asserted.

'Dramatic' Changes Foreseen; Horror, Anguish Described

Jacques Kaufmann, chairman of the FSJU reception committee, which maintains reception centers in Paris and Marseilles, told the assembly that the Paris bureau had received 1,300 cases of families, representing more than 4,000 people. Most of them, he said, were from Algeria but the number and origin of cases, he said, would change "dramatically" during coming months. He paid tribute to OSE, the Jewish health organization, and to ORT, Jewish rehabilitation organization, in whose provincial schools, he said, were 80 per cent of the students of North African origin. He said teams of welfare workers would be sent to interview and offer assistance to refugee families which had not registered with reception bureaus. It was also announced that refugees from North Africa will be invited to membership on a new commission to deal with the problems created by the immigration.

Andre Khayst, a representative of the French Ministry for Repatriates, explained the machinery set up by the Government to grant aid to refugees. He warned, however, that

"should the gates of Algeria suddenly break open, the Government services themselves will be overwhelmed."

Jacques Lazarus, an Algerian Jew representing the World Jewish Congress, told the assembly: "I have been in France only two days, and I am scared--scared when I think I shall have to go back." However, he is going back. He is one of the few Jewish leaders in Algeria who has not forsaken his community.

Other Algerian Jews described the horrors facing the Algerian Jewish community at present. They said the Jews there were in constant, physical danger, one of them stating "we are in extreme anguish." One told of the effects of the situation on the Jewish children who "suffer daily physical and moral shock, caused by the day-to-day experiences, witnessing unprecedented violence and bloodshed."

FRENCH CORDON JEWISH QUARTER IN ORAN; TWO ALGIERS JEWS MISSING

PARIS, May 7. (JTA) -- A powerful French force swept down on the Jewish quarter of Oran, in Algeria, early this morning, cordoned off the entire area and enforced a rigid curfew, as security units began a house-to-house search and an identity check of every inhabitant of the district.

The security action was believed to be a result of developments in the quarter last Friday night and Saturday morning, when the existence there of well-organized Jewish defense units and commando units of the French Secret Army Organization (OAS) was revealed as they repulsed an armed attack on the quarter by Arabs.

Several inhabitants of the Oran Jewish quarter have been arrested, and are believed held by the French authorities while their identities are being checked. A house curfew was imposed on the Jewish district, and residents were barred from leaving their homes. All shops in the district were closed. The curfew apparently was to remain in force until the house-to-house search was completed.

At least two Jews were among the score of Europeans known to have disappeared from their homes in Algiers, principal metropolis of the beleaguered country, during the last few days, it was learned here. It is still not known whether the missing men were kidnapped by the National Liberation Front (FLN), the Moslem independence movement, or were seized by the French secret police who have been operating in Algeria under direct instructions from Paris.

The two missing Jews have been identified as Pierre Levy, 47, a police inspector, who was born in Saigon; and Gerrard Levy, 27, a university assistant. The latter disappeared en route to the university laboratory from his home.

In Paris, OAS bombers blew up the shop of an Algerian Jewish refugee whom the OAS had accused of having "deserted" from Algeria "without permission," and with having refused to contribute to the OAS war chest. The bomb attack was carried out on Jacques Ramoli's shop, on the Left Bank, despite a police guard on it. Ramoli had been the target of two previous bomb attacks in Paris, one of them having demolished his home and store.

ISRAEL'S TRADE GAP REACHES \$401,000,000; 1962 OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Israel's trade deficit in 1961 increased by 20 percent over the previous year, to reach a total of \$401,000,000, it was announced here today. The foreign exchange loss, was offset mainly by transfers of reparations from West Germany, grants from the United States, and receipts from public and private institutions abroad. An increase in foreign debts by \$63,000,000 to a total of \$710,000,000, also helped bridge the gap during the year.

The first four months of 1962 indicated a brighter outlook for the country's economy, with a \$10,000,000 increase in exports to a total of \$114,000,000 for the period. There were appreciable increases in the overseas sales of citrus and industrial products, including finished diamonds.

MAPAI BACKS NEW COMPULSORY LOAN AFTER ESHKOL WARNS OF 'CHAOS'

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- The Mapai party secretariat and economic committee today decided to back Finance Minister Levi Eshkol's proposal, calling for a compulsory savings loan to absorb the excess currency expected to become available next July when cost-of-living allowances will be increased as a result of the devaluation of the Israeli pound last February. Mr. Eshkol had warned the committee that failure to approve the plan would result in general economic chaos in Israel.

According to the plan, details of which will be worked out later, wage earners will have to save three or four percent of their salaries, beginning in July. The savings will total an estimated 60,000,000 pounds (\$20,000,000).

It was announced in Jerusalem, meanwhile, that the time limit for liquidation of dollar-linked mortgages, at the lower pre-devaluation rate of exchange, will be extended from May 10 to June 7. The extension also applies to those mortgages wishing to convert their debts to obligations linked with the cost-of-living index rather than the dollar. After June 7, those who have not acted on either option will automatically have their debts increased by 67 percent.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE SHOWS RISE IN JEWISH EDUCATION; HONORS NATHAN CHANIN

ATLANTIC CITY, May 7. (JTA) -- Nathan Chanin, general secretary of the Workmen's Circle, national Jewish fraternal and cultural organization, told the organization's 62nd anniversary convention here today that its "more than 100 schools and centers throughout the country serve as centers not only for Jewish culture, but for community service and liberal ideals." He called this "a combination unique in Jewish life in the United States."

The organization's activities, he reported, range from participation in civil rights campaigns to support of the Institute for Jewish Research. Other cultural activities it supports in addition to schools include the Jewish Culture Congress; Folksbiene, the year-round New York Yiddish theatre; and publication of a Yiddish dictionary and Jewish encyclopedia. He emphasized the importance of continuing cooperation with the Jewish Labor Committee, which the Workmen's Circle helped found in 1934, and which has rescued thousands of labor leaders, Jewish writers and teachers from totalitarian countries.

Mr. Chanin noted that the Workmen's Circle had sold \$10,000,000 worth of Israel Bonds, and that it raised "hundreds of thousands of dollars annually" for the United Jewish Appeal. He concluded with an appeal to delegates "to continue with vigor and devotion our support for Jewish culture, our help to our fellow Jews, and our work for a world of justice and progress."

American-Born Want Jewish Education for Children, Survey Reveals

A strong desire among American-born parents of Jewish ancestry to give children familiarity with the Jewish language, culture and traditions was indicated in another report released at the convention today. A survey of family backgrounds of children in 85 secular Jewish schools run by the Workmen's Circle in New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago and other cities revealed that 84 percent come from homes in which one parent is American-born, while 69 percent are from homes in which both parents are American-born.

About half of the parents covered by the survey, which was directed by Joseph Mlotek, executive secretary of the New York Workmen's Circle school committee, are college graduates. Many have graduate degrees. He reported that 25 percent of the fathers, and 39 percent of the mothers have had no Jewish education. A desire to see children grow up with consciousness of Jewishness seemed especially strong in homes where both grandparents are dead, the report stated.

Discussing the survey, Salman Yefroikin, Workmen's Circle national education director, said there is a pronounced rise in interest in Jewish education among parents in suburban areas.

The convention, attended by delegates representing 65,000 members in 120 cities, is celebrating Mr. Chanin's 75th birthday, to occur next month. Leaders of Jewish communal life and organized labor from all over the country congratulated Mr. Chanin in messages received here. A leading member of the Jewish Daily Forward Association, and chairman of the administrative committee of the Jewish Labor Committee, he is also a member of the boards of Bonds for Israel, ORT and the Joint Distribution Committee.

GERMANS STUDY AMERICAN EDUCATION; AIDED BY BONN GOVERNMENT, A. J. C.

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A team of six prominent West German educators has arrived in the United States to study American methods of social and civic education which can be adapted for use in German schools, it was announced today. The announcement was made jointly by Kenneth Holland, president of the Institute of International Education, and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee.

The visiting educators will be in this country through June 14 for the purpose of observing primary, secondary and higher educational teaching methods. They will give particular attention to high school courses in citizenship and human relations as a pattern for molding education for democracy in Germany. Conferences with American teachers, department heads and school superintendents, are also scheduled.

The Institute of Social Research at the University of Frankfurt, directed by Dr. Max Horkheimer, is coordinating the mission, which is financed by the West German Government, and administered by the Institute of International Education. Dr. Horkheimer, until recently rector of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, is a member of the West German Government's advisory committee on political education. He is consultant on Germany to the American Jewish Committee. The American Jewish Committee serves as a resource for this program because of the AJC's specialized knowledge of human relations, its extensive contacts in West Germany, and its longstanding concern with education for democracy in Germany.

First stop for the West Germans is Washington, D. C., where they will meet with both government and private educators. They will then spend two weeks in Cincinnati, studying an American community school system. Afterwards, teams of two will visit key regions in this country. In mid-June, the entire group will participate in evaluation sessions under the auspices of the Institute of International Education.

Upon their return to Germany, members of the mission will attempt to create curricula which emphasize democratic processes, and to shape pro-democratic attitudes through education.

GOLDBERG, CASALS, SZILLARD GIVEN EINSTEIN MEDICAL COLLEGE AWARDS

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg was presented last night with the 1962 Albert Einstein Commemorative Award for citizenship, given by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. Pablo Casals, world-renowned cellist, and Dr. Leo Szillard, nuclear scientist, were given awards in the arts and sciences.

The awards, each of which consisted of a medallion and a \$1,000 prize, were presented by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, at the Einstein College Awards Dinner. Governor Louis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico, accepted the award for Mr. Casals, who is now a resident of Puerto Rico.

THIRD JEWISH CEMETERY IN NEWARK AREA DESECRATED, FIVE BOYS ARRESTED

NEWARK, N. J., May 7. (JTA) -- A new outbreak of Jewish cemetery desecrations was revealed here this weekend when five boys, ranging in ages from 12 to 15, were arrested by Newark police who had been alerted by authorities at nearby Fairview, N. J. Police in the latter town had caught the boys in the act of toppling about 50 tombstones, but the vandals escaped, to be captured here.

The latest cemetery desecration was the third in this vicinity in one week. The boys said they were "out for a lark." Two months ago, Robert Zarinsky, 21, who called himself a "lieutenant" in the "American Republican Army," was arrested for desecrating another Jewish cemetery, at Linden, N. J.

CLEVELAND LAUNCHES WELFARE FUND DRIVE WITH \$4,000,000 PLEDGED

CLEVELAND, May 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal opened officially last night with a record first report of \$4,066,672, representing 68 percent of its greatest goal of \$6,011,000. The keynote speaker at the launching of the drive was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who commended the campaign for its "act of group compassion and loyalty" on a sustained basis.

Rabbi Silver reviewed the plight of the Jews in Morocco and other nearby areas, which he recently visited, and praised the Joint Distribution Committee's services for providing "the one bright spot in an otherwise very bleak and somber picture." In the present "dangerous eruptive times," Dr. Silver declared, "our only salvation lies in solidarity, in closing ranks, in strengthening our defenses, in mutual helpfulness."

Hailing Israel as it approaches its 14th anniversary, Dr. Silver cited "its faithful allegiance to the free world" and its "fundamental purposes and dominant interests as a nation, in complete accord with the ancient and noble traditions of our people."

Leonard L. Abrams is general chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal, of which Gerald S. Soroker is campaign director. Sponsor of the drive is the Jewish Community Federation, of which M. E. Glass is president, and Henry L. Zucker, executive director.

DETROIT ALLIED CAMPAIGN CLOSES WITH TOTAL APPROACHING \$5,000,000

DETROIT, Mich., May 7. (JTA) -- A total of \$4,870,000 has been raised during the 1962 Allied Jewish Campaign here, which officially came to a close this weekend, it was reported here today. The total, which may reach \$5,000,000 when all remaining potential contributors are contacted, is already \$250,000 more than last year's figure.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS MAPS 1962 BUDGETS TOTALING \$2,394,657

TORONTO, May 7. (JTA) -- Budgets for 1962 expenditures of the United Jewish Relief Agencies and the Canadian Jewish Congress have been established at a meeting of the Congress national budget committee here. The UJRA budget was fixed at \$2,000,000, including an emergency fund of \$500,000. The Congress budget was set at \$394,657.17, compared with the 1961 budget of \$374,252.50.

WELFARE FEDERATION OF INDIANAPOLIS CHOOSES SCHLOSS AS PRESIDENT

INDIANAPOLIS, May 7. (JTA) -- William L. Schloss was elected president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis, at the organization's 58th annual meeting here last night. He succeeds David M. Cook, who has served in the post for three years. Frank Newman, executive director of the Federation, announced that this year's campaign has already received \$400,000, exceeding the amount raised in last year's drive.

RABBI ABRAHAM FINGERHUT, LEADER OF ALGERIAN JEWRY, DIES IN PARIS

PARIS, May 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Fingerhut, a former member of the Algerian Chief Rabbinate, died here this weekend. He had been President of the Association of North Africans in France, since his resignation from his Algerian rabbinical posts due to ill health. He was a knight of the French Legion of Honor.