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U. J. A. REPORTS COLLECTING \$36, 240, 000 IN CASH DURING HALF YEAR OF DRIVE

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The sum of \$36, 240, 000 has been collected thus far by the United Jewish Appeal against 1962 campaign pledges, it was reported here today by Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman. He spoke at a one-day UJA National Cash Meeting in the Savoy Hilton which was attended by 150 top Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country.

The sum is almost ten percent higher than the total collected last year at this time and is one of the highest midyear cash totals achieved by the UJA in the past decade. Mr. Meyerhoff called the near-record sum "a great midway victory in the effort to keep our overseas programs going in the face of the enormous pressure of rising Jewish immigration abroad." Israel D. Fink of Minneapolis served as national chairman of the cash drive.

First-hand reports on Israel's current massive immigration and its attendant absorption problems were made by Ambassador Michael Comay, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, and Dr. Isadore Lubin, Consultant on Programs in Israel for the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., a UJA beneficiary agency, which helps resettle Israel's immigrants. Executive vice-chairman Herbert A. Friedman told the gathering how increased Jewish immigration to France, and other crises, are affecting the programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, another UJA beneficiary, in Europe and North Africa.

Calling on the assembled leaders to sustain the cash momentum during the rest of the year, Mr. Meyerhoff declared that Israel's immigration for the first five months of the year was far heavier than for any comparable period in recent years. "The strain this has placed on the capacity of the people of Israel and the Jewish Agency to absorb these newcomers," he said, "can only be alleviated by cash and more cash. The heartening sum we have raised to date will go far toward eliminating halfway absorption measures forced recently by lack of funds for full measure resettlement aid."

Reporting on these "halfway measures" adopted by the Jewish Agency for Israel in the present situation, Dr. Lubin told of "partially completed houses in which newcomers have been moving, many without doors, windows, paint, electricity, sometimes even without floors. And even these half-finished units are rapidly being used up, while Agency personnel are working around-the-clock, trying to cope with this and other absorption problems." The success of the Agency's plan to build 18,000 immigrant housing units this year, he indicated, depends on a continuous flow of funds.

Ambassador Comay stressed the continuing determination of Israel's people to take in and productively absorb all Jews who can and wish to enter the Jewish state, despite the hardships this might spell. Israel's citizens, he noted, are already furnishing two of every three dollars required to speed immigrant reception and absorption, through taxes and levies. In the face of this year's heightened immigration, Israel's citizens voluntarily accepted added tax burdens to meet expanded need. He urged the UJA leaders to keep up their cash efforts.

30, 000 Jewish Refugees Poured Into France in Last Five Months

The heavy increase in Jewish immigration is not confined to Israel, but is taking place in France, as well, and has put "tremendous pressures" on the programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, Rabbi Friedman told the Jewish leaders. "At least 30,000 new Jewish arrivals have poured into France in the first five months of the year," the UJA executive head declared. "Added to the heavy Jewish refugee immigration into France of 1961, they have brought the total to at least 50,000 new refugees."

The French Government has been liberal in its assistance, and the French Jewish community has stepped up its aid efforts, Rabbi Friedman told the conference. "Nonetheless, JDC's relief rolls in France alone have soared to 38,000 persons--twice what they were a few years ago," he said. He listed Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria as the sources of the immigration.

"Elsewhere in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, the JDC continues to cope with great problems of human rehabilitation and reconstruction," he said. "At least half of the 600,000 Jewish men, women and children throughout the world who will be aided this year by the funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal, will get that help through the Joint Distribution Committee. Its imaginative, comprehensive services in many fields have gone far to wipe out the despair and destruction which was European Jewry's legacy from the Hitler years."

BULGARIA RELEASES CHIEF RABBI FROM JAIL; WAS IMPRISONED SEVERAL MONTHS

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- Bulgaria's Chief Rabbi Asher Hananel, who has been in prison at Sofia since early this year, when he was convicted of alleged "illegal trading," has been released from jail, it was learned here today. Rabbi Hananel telephoned his daughter here to inform her of his release. The venerable rabbi said he had been freed on the eve of Shavuot, but added that he was ill. Rabbi Hananel's prison sentence was for a term of three-and-a-half years.

DR. GOLDMANN PESSIMISTIC ON FUTURE OF JEWS IN INDEPENDENT ALGERIA

TEL AVIV, June 11. (JTA) -- The Jews in Algeria are free to stay there or leave, Dr. Nahum Goldmann today told a meeting of the Israel executive of the World Jewish Congress here. However, he expressed doubt whether the Jews have any future in Algeria, despite the guarantees given them under the agreement concluded in Evian between the French Government and the Moslem-Algerian liberation movement.

Dr. Goldmann noted that for the present Jews have been accorded the same status given to other Europeans in independent Algeria. He expressed the opinion that, under its Moslem liberation movement's "shrewd and realistic" leadership, Algeria would become the Number One Arab state within a year or two.

Experts in U.S. Are Gloomy on Fate of Jews in Algeria

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Warnings against the possible persecution of Jews in Algeria by the Moslem majority there, after Algeria becomes independent of France, were voiced here last night by a group of experts participating in a radio discussion on Station WNEW, entitled "The Algerian Jew: The Man in the Middle."

The warnings came after one of the participants in the panel, Abdel A. Chanderli, permanent representative in New York for the provisional Algerian Nationalist Government, declared that, while Algerian Jews will be "welcome to stay," some Jews may face prosecution for having been lined up on the side of the OAS, the French rebel underground opposed to an independent Algeria. "Some members of the Jewish minority," he said, had lined up with the European killing Moslems in Algeria, stating "it is even acknowledged by many Jews."

Senators Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating, members of the panel, advocated the need for international aid to those Algerian Jews who wish to emigrate either to France or to Israel. Other participants in the radio discussion included Samuel Blumenfeld, secretary of the American Committee for France and Algeria; Dr. William Korey, of the B'nai B'rith International Council; and Hal Lehrman, journalist. They were gloomy on the future of the Jews in Algeria.

'DIALOGUE' ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. JEWRY STARTS TODAY

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Discussions on the relationship between Israel and American Jewry--what's wrong with it and how it can be strengthened--will begin here tomorrow when 500 American Jews and an equal number of Israelis sit down in Jerusalem's Convention Hall for a three-day "dialogue" sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

The opening session tomorrow evening will feature a public discussion between Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education, and Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, on "How Israeli and American Jews View Each Other."

Following this exchange, the American and Israeli delegates to the conference will break up into groups of ten--five Americans and five Israelis--for round-table discussions of the issues raised. Conclusions and comments will be brought to the floor of the conference by discussion leaders. This pattern will be followed throughout the three-day "dialogue." Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, are scheduled to address a plenary session of the conference.

U.S. TOURISTS ARRESTED AND MISTREATED IN JORDAN; HELD FOR THREE DAYS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Five American tourists, none of them Jewish, arrived here today after they and five others were arrested, released then re-arrested, and otherwise harassed by authorities in Jordan.

The story was told by the leader of the group, the Rev. R.E. Dawkins, of the Gospel Tabernacle, Kansas City, Mo. He said that his group of 10 Americans was detained as soon as the plane in which they had traveled touched at a Jordanian airport. The Americans were told, he said, that five of them were on a Jordanian blacklist.

All were jailed for three days, wives being separated from their husbands. The five on the blacklist were put on a plane for Beirut, Lebanon. The remaining five, including the minister, were told they could proceed to Israel, when they were re-arrested and, according to the clergymen, they were mistreated. Finally, they were allowed to go on to Israel through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Rev. Dawkins said the only guess he had for his harassment is because he edits a religious weekly called "B'nei Shalom." He said his paper is pro-Israel but not pro-Zionist, and is not anti-Arab.

FLORIDA'S SUPREME COURT BARS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS FROM SCHOOLS

MIAMI, June 11. (JTA) -- The Florida Supreme Court handed down a decision barring Christmas and Easter celebrations and the showing of religious movies in public schools, as well as the use of school facilities for after-hours religious classes. At the same time the court upheld Bible reading and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools.

The Florida Supreme Court rulings were hailed here today by attorneys for the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union which jointly represented five parents challenging sectarian practices in the public schools of Dade County, Fla. However, the AJC and ACLU announced they would appeal to the United States Supreme Court the parts of the Florida high court decision which upheld Bible reading and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools.

The appeal on these sections of the decision will be "vigorously pressed," the two organizations said in a statement, "because of our belief that these practices violate the church-state separation principle of the First Amendment." The AJC-ACLU statement noted that earlier this year a Federal District Court in Philadelphia had ruled unconstitutional Pennsylvania's school Bible-reading law and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer as part of a school exercise.

QUEBEC PROTESTANT SCHOOLS FAVOR JEWISH REPRESENTATION ON THEIR BOARDS

MONTREAL, June 11. (JTA) -- The Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards recommended this week to the Royal Commission investigating education in this province that Jews and other non-Protestants and non-Catholics be permitted to serve on the Protestant school boards.

At the same time, the Protestant School Board of Montreal recommended that the Government revive the Jewish School Commissioners Act of 1930, so that the Jewish community could officially present its opinions on education to the Protestant boards.

Under the 1930 Act, the Jewish community was empowered to establish a separate Jewish school system to be financed out of tax revenues. The Jews chose, however, to make an agreement with the Protestant board, whereby Jewish children attend the Protestant schools. Catholics have their own school system.

TWELVE REFORM RABBIS SUPPORT REJECTION OF EICHMANN'S CLEMENCY APPEAL

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Twelve members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis sent a cablegram to President Izhak Ben-Zvi of Israel, supporting his refusal to save Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi mass-murderer, from the gallows. This cablegram repudiates as "unauthorized" the cablegram sent last week by the Rabbis Minda and Feuer in the name of the Central Conference asking for clemency to Eichmann.

The cablegram to the President of Israel was signed by the following rabbis: Theodore N. Lewis, Jerome Unger, Louis I. Newman, Alvan D. Rubin, Bernhard Cohn, Harold Krantzler, Louis Satlow, Jacob Polish, A. Alan Steinbach, Herschel Levin, Max Schenk and Emanuel Schenk.

TWO BRAZILIAN JEWS GO TO GERMANY TO TESTIFY AGAINST EICHMANN'S AIDE

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 11. (JTA) -- Two Brazilian Jews, both former leaders of Hungarian Jewry, and both of whom testified last summer in Jerusalem during the Adolf Eichmann trial, left for Germany today to appear as witnesses, at Frankfurt, against Heinrich Hunsche, Eichmann's assistant in Hungary during World War II.

The men are Ernest Peto, 84, president of the Budapest Jewish Community during the war years, and Alexander Brody, who was also active in the Budapest Jewish leadership. They were called as witnesses against Hunsche, being tried for war crimes, by the prosecutor at Frankfurt.

SYNAGOGUES, JEWISH CLUBS IN BRAZIL PLACED UNDER SPECIAL POLICE GUARD

SAO PAULO, Brazil, June 11. (JTA) -- Synagogues, Jewish clubs and the Israeli Consulate here have been placed under special police guard since the execution by Israel of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 European Jews. No incidents have been reported here in connection with the execution, which received generally favorable editorial reaction in the local press. Mention was made, however, of Brazil's opposition to the death penalty.

The activities of B'nai B'rith in Brazil, particularly in the fields of human relations and Jewish education, were reviewed here today at the convention here of the organization's regional council attended by some 60 delegates representing B'nai B'rith lodges throughout the country. Justinus Einstoss was chairman of the event.

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL AID APPOINTS ENVOY TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- The United States Agency for International Development today announced the appointment of John E. De Wilde as its representative in Israel. He will negotiate with Israel future applications for U.S. development loans, and other economic aid agricultural assistance.

ISRAEL MINISTER ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TO HELP IN BOND DRIVE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Future immigration into Israel depends on the development of the Negev, Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister for Social Welfare of the State of Israel, said on his arrival here for a tour of major communities in the United States and Canada in behalf of the Israel bond drive. Prior to his arrival in New York, Dr. Burg spoke at the first meeting of his tour in Montreal.

"Our hopes for the economic future of Israel," Dr. Burg said, "our plans for taking in large numbers of Jews, are bound up with the success of our effort to reclaim the desert, to establish new industries, to make the Negev a center of mass settlement. This is the most decisive economic task confronting Israel today."

340 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM BRANDEIS U; EIGHT HONOR DEGREES AWARDED

WALTHAM, Mass., June 11. (JTA) -- Some 340 students were awarded degrees at the 11th commencement exercises of Brandeis University here yesterday. Seventy graduate students were among those receiving degrees.

The university also conferred honorary degrees on eight national and international personalities in the fields of education, government and philanthropy. They were: Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist Foundation; Philip H. Coombs, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame; Mario Laserna, rector of the International University of Colombia; Jean Piaget, professor at the University of Geneva; William H. Schuman, president of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts; R. Sargeant Shriver, director of the United States Peace Corps; and Lawrence A. Wien, prominent New York Jewish communal leader.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANTS \$68,173 TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- The United States Department of Agriculture today announced it had awarded a grant of \$68,173 to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to finance a five-year study of the growth of citrus trees. The Department said the study was designed to determine what makes citrus trees grow and what factors prevent growth and could lead to the use of chemicals for retarding the growth of citrus trees to protect them from cold weather.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS ATTEND ISRAEL BALL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- A distinguished black tie gathering of Government officials, diplomats, members of Congress and leaders of the Washington Jewish community last night attended the annual Israel Anniversary Ball. A highlight of the event, given under the patronage of Ambassador and Mrs. Avraham Harman, was the production of an abbreviated performance of the Broadway musical "Milk and Honey," featuring members of the original cast.

ISRAEL CONSUL DAVID RIVLIN HONORED IN NEW YORK; TRANSFERRED TO CANADA

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- David Rivlin, Consul for Israel in New York, was honored by the Histadruth Ivriyth of America, prior to his departure for Canada, to which he has been assigned as Consul-General. The farewell fete was held at the Histadruth Ivriyth's Center for Hebrew Culture here.

DR. RUBIN, ISRAELI CORRESPONDENT, HONORED FOR BOOK ON UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 11. (JTA) -- Distinguished guests from the diplomatic and top Secretariat corps today attended a luncheon launching the publication of a new book, "Pictorial History of the United Nations," by Dr. Jacob A. Rubin, UN correspondent for Haboker, a daily newspaper at Tel Aviv. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was the guest of honor at the event, at which the book's publisher, Thomas Yoseloff, was chairman.

AMERICA ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION RAISES \$25,000 FOR CENTER IN ISRAEL

KINGS POINT, N.Y., June 11. (JTA) -- A total of \$25,000, the amount required for the establishment of one of 50 planned cultural centers in Israel, was raised here last night at an outdoor concert sponsored by the America Israel Cultural Foundation. The concert, which was held on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Meshulam Riklis, featured Yitzhak Perlman, 16-year-old Israeli violinist, as one of the guest artists.

J.N.F. NAMES 12,000-TREE FOREST AFTER LATE ARGENTINE ZIONIST LEADER

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- A 12,000-tree forest named after the late Dr. Abraham Mibashan, veteran Argentine Zionist leader and head of the Argentine Jewish community, was dedicated with ceremonies today by the Jewish National Fund. The forest is in the Jerusalem corridor. Participating in the ceremonies were Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the JNF board; and Meylech Morgentern, of Buenos Aires, who initiated the project.