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KOL REPORTS TO U. J. A. LEADERS ON IMMIGRATION; ASKS \$70,000,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, arriving here, lost no time and addressed this morning more than 100 top leaders of the United Jewish Appeal gathered from all parts of the country urging them to step up an extraordinary collection drive to raise \$70,000,000 in cash funds against campaign pledges, and to take other measures to increase the UJA campaign income.

The special meeting of the top UJA leaders, representing the drive's officers and members of its policy-making National Campaign Cabinet, was called by Joseph Meyer, UJA general chairman, and was held at the Savoy Hilton Hotel. Mr. Eshkol, invited at the meeting that immigration to Israel thus far in 1962 has been so heavy, that the country may end the year with the greatest number of immigrants it has received in its history.

In training to keep up with the heavy flow of immigration, Israel is attempting to build 100 new housing units monthly, Mr. Eshkol disclosed. "But the pressure has been so great," he added, "we have been forced to put newcomers into housing which in many cases lacks water, light, sanitary arrangements, even internal walls, so long as we can give them a roof over their heads. We are not doing this because we want to, but because of lack of funds and time make it impossible for us to meet the problems of this massive immigration in as orderly a fashion as we would prefer."

The largest number of Israel's immigrant housing units are going up in the country's new development towns, Mr. Eshkol reported. Where once most immigrants were sent directly from ship to agricultural farm villages, today's newcomers go to towns which are, or are planned to be, centers of industrial activity. "We are determined to continue to produce a minimum of 2,000 decent housing units a month for newcomers," Mr. Eshkol said. "Never, we hope, will we have to resort again to putting our immigrants in tent cities and tin huts as we did in the peak years when the rate of immigration was greater than our means."

The people of Israel, he revealed, are meeting two-thirds the costs of immigration in the form of extra taxes and compulsory loans. "But even with these, they cannot meet the problem alone. They must depend on world Jewry, primarily American Jewry, to provide the funds to meet the other third of these vast immigration and absorption expenditures."

Warburg Reports on J. D. C. Aid to Algerian Refugees in France

The UJA leaders were also briefed about another area of extreme Jewish need by Bernard M. Warburg, UJA honorary chairman, and chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC leader reported that the entry into France of more than 150,000 Algerian refugees from North African countries in the last 18 months has put tremendous demands upon his organization and French Jewish welfare bodies.

Mr. Warburg praised the French government for the extensive assistance it is giving to new refugees, who include 80,000 from Algeria. He said, however, even for those who receive French welfare aid such as the Algerian Jews, there are extensive needs of Jewish religious and communal nature which must be met from Jewish sources. Meanwhile, thousands of refugees from Tunisia and other North African areas must look to JDC and French Jewish welfare bodies for basic help. To meet the situation in France, the JDC has allocated \$3,250,000 for refugee aid there in 1962.

Mr. Warburg also revealed that the JDC has had to establish an office in Algiers for the purpose of directing and providing welfare aid and social services which were formerly handled through local Jewish welfare agencies. In addition to France, the JDC provides welfare and other assistance to needy Jews in 25 countries, and conducts a specialized aid and rehabilitation program through a network of institutions on behalf of sick, disabled and handicapped immigrants in Israel.

The UJA leaders voted to step up a collection campaign to raise a minimum of \$10,000,000 in 1962 for transmittal to its major beneficiaries--the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is responsible for the reception and resettlement of Jewish immigrants in Israel, and the Joint Distribution Committee. More than half of this sum had been raised

to date, it was reported by Israel D. Fink of Minneapolis, UJA National Cash Collection chairman. He urged the UJA leaders to "bend every effort to raise \$34,000,000 during the four months remaining to this year."

Plans for U.J.A. 25th Anniversary Announced; Lehman Heads Committee

Plans to observe the United Jewish Appeal 25th Anniversary year in 1963 were also announced by Mr. Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman. The UJA's anniversary committee which will be headed by former Governor Herbert H. Lehman as honorary general chairman, will foster commemorative observances of UJA's silver jubilee and American Jewry's humanitarian achievements in an era marked by both great Jewish tragedy and rebirth, Mr. Meyerhoff said.

Mr. Meyerhoff, who will serve as chairman of the 25th Anniversary Executive Committee, said that, during the last quarter of a century, the UJA raised nearly \$1,400,000,000, rendered survival aid to 3,000,000 Jews, and transferred and resettled 1,500,000 Jews including 1,200,000 who settled in Israel.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, informed the conference that the first scheduled event in the observance of the 25th anniversary year would be a Study Mission to Europe and Israel from October 15 to November 2. The mission participants will be UJA's top leaders, including its officers, members of its campaign cabinet and chairmen of major local community campaigns. The anniversary observances will be launched formally at the UJA annual conference to be held December 7-9 in New York City, according to Rabbi Friedman.

Plans to observe the UJA's 25th anniversary are also being formulated by an Israel committee under the leadership of Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister, as well as in many European communities which were revived with the aid of UJA funds.

ISRAEL MARKS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF REPARATIONS PACT WITH GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the signing of the Israel-West German reparations agreement was marked here today with a statement issued by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, a special program broadcast by Kol Israel, the state radio network, and by editorials in the country's leading newspapers.

The statement by the Finance Minister--which was prepared prior to Mr. Eshkol's departure for Europe and the United States and released today--said that the Bonn Government had fully and precisely carried out the agreement in accordance with the declared aim to compensate for the material damage caused by Hitler and his criminal regime.

Participating speakers in the broadcast commemorating the anniversary included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany; Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Dr. Eliezer Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission in Cologne; and Professor Franz Boehm, who headed the West German delegation at the Luxembourg reparations negotiations.

Davar, official organ of the Histadrut, declared in its editorial that, although the agreement has been implemented correctly and the payments were even accelerated, it cannot be regarded as any kind of atonement for the terrible crimes committed against the Jews. "It represented at most a modest restoration of stolen Jewish property, the proceeds of which were used for the economic absorption of tens of thousands of refugees who went through the hell of concentration camps," the paper declared.

Haaretz, independent daily newspaper, noted that it was extremely difficult to imagine the development of Israel's economy for the past decade without reparations. At the same time, it said that the failure of the Bonn Government to establish diplomatic relations with Israel was an example of "faint-heartedness."

The English-language daily, the Jerusalem Post, lauded the decision 10 years ago that Israel participate in the agreement citing the foresight in divesting the question of its bloodstained emotional context. "The agreement was vindicated both from the political and economic angles," the Post declared.

Adenauer Stresses Full Implementation of Reparations Pact

BCNN, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, observed the tenth anniversary of the signing of the German-Israel Reparations Agreement in 1952, in a statement today declaring he felt the pact had furnished "a solid basis for steadily improving relations between the German people and the Jews."

"I am satisfied," he asserted, in a special message published in the Government's official Bulletin, "that the German Federal Republic has implemented the obligation it assumed 10 years ago."

A number of the country's leading newspapers, noting the anniversary, declared editorially that it is regrettable that there are as yet no formal diplomatic relations between West Germany and Israel. The Staatsanzeiger, of Cologne, expressed the hope that "this diplomatic twilight will soon be removed, unperturbed by the bluff and threats of the Arab world."

JESUIT ORGAN SAYS ITS 'WARNING' TO AMERICAN JEWS WAS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- "America," the Jesuit weekly which 10 days ago "warned" that American Jews are encouraging the possible spread of anti-Semitism by supporting the decision of the United States Supreme Court banning official prayers from public schools, today denied that its editorial was a veiled threat to the Jewish community.

The Jesuit organ released an editorial which will be published in its forthcoming issue of September 15, in which it clarifies its stand. "On our record," the editorial stated, "it is obviously ridiculous to suggest that 'America' condones any form of anti-Semitism." Claiming that the point of the earlier editorial "has been blunted" by some of the accounts in the daily press, the editorial released today declared:

"The purpose of our editorial, which most commentators appear somehow to have missed, was to question the assumption that Leo Pfeffer (general counsel of the American Jewish Congress), the AJC and a few other prominent Jewish agencies speak as they claim to do, for the Jewish people as a whole."

Pointing out that more cases involving principles of separation of church and state are now pending before the Supreme Court, the editorial released today continued: "When and if such decisions are handed down, then unless it has been made clear that Dr. Pfeffer and the AJC do not speak for the whole of American Jewry, Jews in general will be unfairly blamed for what in fact will have been accomplished by a mere handful of militants, allied with an assortment of humanist groups, ethical culturists, Unitarians, secularists and atheists."

The editorial then cited quotations on the issue from four Catholic organs: The Pilot, the weekly newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston; the Catholic Transcript, of Hartford, Conn.; the Catholic Review, of Baltimore; and the Pittsburgh Catholic. All four supported the "America" point of view.

Replying to the latest editorial in "America," Mr. Pfeffer said today: "It must never be forgotten, as the editors of America appear to be trying to do, that it was the Catholics and not the Jews who were responsible for the secularization of the American public school system." Mr. Pfeffer explained that his reference meant that most of the court cases to take religious practices out of the public schools were brought by Catholics in "many state courts" of New England, the Mid-West and the South at the end of the 19th century and the start of the 20th.

Catholic Organ in California 'Saddened' by Jesuit Warning to Jews

FRESNO, Calif., Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Central California Register, official organ of the Fresno-Monterey Catholic Diocese, today took issue with "America," the Catholic weekly published by Jesuits, on the latter's criticism of Jews who support the United States Supreme Court's ruling which banned official prayers in public schools.

In an editorial entitled "Anti-Semitic?" signed by the managing editor, Gerard E. Sherry, the Register declared itself "saddened" by the "America" editorial. "We are amazed," continued the Register editorial, "that 'America' lumped only various Jewish groups with atheism and humanists as opponents of religious practices in public schools. This is because it failed to mention the many Protestant groups also aligned in the opposing camp. There are more non-Jewish groups opposing official prayers in public schools than there are in the Jewish faith. Indeed, there is not even unanimity among Catholics on this question."

The Register pointed out that Pope John XXIII urges Catholics to promote religious unity and has issued a directive "that odious references to Jews should be eliminated from one of the orations contained in the Holy Week ceremonies." "Catholics," stated the Register, "have an obligation to work toward the easing of religious tensions, in order that we achieve peace among all our citizens. It could be called the search for civic peace."

Michigan Catholic Organ Disagrees with the Jesuit 'Warning'

DETROIT, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Michigan Catholic, in an editorial entitled "The Jesuits and the Jews," commenting on the debate that was aroused over an editorial in the Catholic magazine "America" that was critical of the Jewish position on the Supreme Court decision declaring the reciting of prayers in schools to be unconstitutional, declared in its current issue: "Unjust and false is the supposition that every member of a group can be identified with every opinion of that group."

Viewing the manner in which Jewish groups responded to the "America" editorial by stating: "As if they had been challenged to a duel at 5:00 in the morning, Jewish leaders picked up the gauntlet by stating that 'America' performs a disservice by raising the spectre of anti-Semitism ... It is interesting to note that, as the battle continues the word 'Jesuit' displaces the magazine 'America,' and the 'American Jewish Committee' becomes 'the Jews.' Before very long, what had begun as a statement of a single publication in

reference to a stand made by a small group of people becomes a bitter, if somewhat polite, altercation between all the American Jesuits and all the Jews of America."

The editorial declares that "this disturbance demonstrates the human tendency to group individuals in a conglomerate mass and make the opinions of a few stand for the convictions of everyone.... Surely not every Jew agrees with the stand taken by the American Jewish Committee and the New York Board of Rabbis no more than all Catholics share a unified opinion over the issue of prayer in public schools. It seems in human experience that it is rare, if indeed ever, that everyone agrees with anything."

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR MIAMI JUDGE CHARGED WITH ANTI-JEWISH REMARK

MIAMI, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A local judge accused of malfeasance in office through the voicing of an anti-Semitic remark in his court will receive a public hearing here, it was announced today by County Attorney Darrey Davis.

The accused is Judge Edwin Strickland. He had been charged with anti-Semitism in a letter to the Jewish Floridian last June by Marvin I. Cohen, a high school teacher. According to Mr. Cohen, Judge Strickland, who was trying alleged traffic law offenders last June 8, told the teacher as the latter pleaded innocence to a charge before the court: "You Jews are the same; 90 percent plead not guilty."

Since the Cohen charge was printed in the Floridian, Mr. Davis has been investigating the case, having interrogated the high school teacher, the judge and nine witnesses. The public hearing has been set by the county attorney for September 26. Judge Strickland, whom the County Commission appointed to a six-year term of office in 1958, could be dismissed by the commission if found guilty of malfeasance.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OPENS 76TH ACADEMIC YEAR WITH 5,260 STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University opened its 76th academic year today with a record enrolment of 5,260 students, an increase of five percent over last year's enrolment. Some 3,000 of the students will be attending the university's eight undergraduate divisions, with nearly 2,300 enrolled in the nine graduate schools.

At the university's main center, students will be attending classes for the first time in the new \$3,000,000 classroom-administration building completed earlier this year. Part of the university's \$30,000,000 campus development program, the new building contains classrooms, lecture halls, lounges, a book store, lockers and administrative offices.

RABBI EUGENE COHEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Chaplain Eugene J. Cohen, of Arverne, N.Y., was today elected president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces at the close of the Association's biennial national convention at Fort Hamilton.

The two-day convention, which began at the Academy Chapel of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y., included a series of events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the commissioning of the first Jewish military chaplain by the U.S. Government on September 18, 1862. These events are part of a year-long observance in honor of the centennial of the Jewish military chaplaincy, being sponsored by an ad hoc committee of representatives of 50 national Jewish organizations, and coordinated by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

J.D.C. APPOINTS THEODORE FEDER AS 'MALBEN' DIRECTOR IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Theodore D. Feder, a native of Milwaukee, Wisc., and until recently head of the Joint Distribution Committee operations in Iran, has been appointed director general of Malben, the JDC services in Israel, it was announced here today. Mr. Feder succeeds Louis D. Horowitz, who is returning to the United States to take up the post of director of overseas studies for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE ELECTS MEIRI CONTROLLER OF JEWISH AGENCY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- B.M. Meiri, former director-general of the State Controller's office, was elected controller of the Jewish Agency at a meeting of the presidium of the World Zionist Actions Committee. He served for many years with the Jewish Agency and represented the Agency's treasurer in Europe. He has been director general of the State Controller's office since it was established.

DETROIT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AIDS EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN IRAN

DETROIT, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of Detroit voted a sum of \$100 which was sent immediately to the Iranian Embassy in Washington to help relieve the sufferings of the many thousands who were made homeless by the earthquake in Iran. Judge Ira G. Kaufman, ZOD president, sent a message of sympathy to the people of Iran on behalf of the Detroit Zionists.