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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPENS TOMORROW IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates, representing over 100,000 Jews in 800 communities of all sizes in the United States and Canada, will convene for the four-day 31st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations Welfare Funds at the Hotel Sheraton, starting Thursday.

The Large City Budgeting Conference, a joint budget review process set up by 23 largest organized Jewish communities except New York, will precede the Assembly's official opening with a series of meetings tomorrow to consider the 1963 budgets submitted by the cooperating national and overseas agencies which seek allocations from welfare funds.

The extensive program of the Assembly will be concerned with charting future courses for Jewish welfare, health, cultural and education services; examining new overseas responsibilities of American Jews; and mobilizing local federations and welfare funds for 1963 fund-raising campaign. The delegates represent Jewish federations that together have well over \$125,000,000 each year.

Top national and local leaders will deliver major addresses on significant domestic and international issues, problems and programs confronting American and Canadian Jewish communities, it was announced by Irving Kane of Cleveland, CJFWF president.

Dr. Eli Ginzberg, chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Manpower Development and Training, and director of Columbia University's Conservation of Human Resources Project, will be the principal speaker at the opening luncheon on Thursday. Other topics will be, "Human Resources and the General Welfare," Dr. Isador Lubin, Consultant for the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.; Charles H. Jordan, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; and Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the national United Jewish Appeal will report on "Overseas Aid--1963" at the opening session.

Will Discuss Community Raising and Distribution of Funds

In the course of the Assembly, the delegates will participate in more than 50 workshops, clinics, committee meetings, consultations and general sessions which will review the events and programs of the past year and make decisions and formulate policies in line with the most comprehensive programs, needs and problems for which American and Canadian Jewish communities have assumed responsibility.

The major annual convocation of the leaders of the member federations, welfare and community councils which together make up the Council, the General Assembly will focus on inter and intra-community planning, financing of essential services, the raising and distribution of funds, recruiting and developing leadership, and the improvement of expansion of health, welfare, education and other services to meet the mounting needs of the Jewish people here and abroad.

In a series of key sessions, the Assembly will examine the essential nature of the Jewish nation's commitment in a changing world, philanthropic developments overseas in the past 12 months, the lessons of the 1962 fund-raising campaigns in preparation for the future, and the outlook for American Jewish culture.

To deal with the unique problems and requirements of the smaller Jewish federations and welfare councils, Mr. Kane will receive more intensive consideration than ever before at the Assembly. Mr. Kane said, "For the first time," he said, "there will be 'built into' the overall Assembly program an institute of four separate sessions, specially designed for leaders of communities with small Jewish populations. The inclusion of these special sessions points up the growing importance of the smaller city in the Jewish life of the country."

Although the size of the Jewish population in a single small city may be only several percent of the total, it is well to remember, "Mr. Kane pointed out, "that together there are as many Jews in American small communities as there are in all of Western Europe today."

The special Assembly meetings will attempt to help local leaders from smaller communities to tackle such basic questions as "how to utilize the special assets of the smaller community," "how to raise more money in 1963," and "how to build new leadership."

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT REITERATES 'NON-RETURN' PRINCIPLE ON ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- After two days of intensive debate on Israel's general foreign policy, with heavy emphasis on the Arab refugee problem, Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, voted overwhelmingly here tonight a reaffirmation of the policy of the "non-return" of the refugees to Israeli territory.

The resolution, adopted by a vote of 63-11, with 13 abstentions, had been sparked by a detailed report given the Knesset yesterday by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and amounted to a rejection of the so-called "Johnson Plan" which would give the refugees a choice between "return" to Israel and acceptance of compensation by Israel. The plan, although never put forward formally, had been proposed by Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission's special Mid-East envoy.

Mrs. Meir had not mentioned the Johnson proposal specifically, and was criticized on the floor of the Knesset for that omission. However, she had reminded the House of its own resolution, adopted just a year ago, rejecting the principle of refugee "return" and asserting that "the only solution to the problem is their (the refugees) settlement in Arab lands."

One of the critics was Menahem Beigin, leader of Herut. He was joined by Yaacov Hazan of Mapam who said it was not enough to reject the Johnson plan. He said Israel must initiate a peace plan and proclaim again and again its readiness to accept a certain agreed number of refugees as part of a general peace agreement.

The Herut leader also criticized what he termed the Government's "Germanophile" policy which he called a "paradox." He said that while Israel was selling West Germany arms on security grounds, it was precisely in the security area that Germany had injured Israel as no other nation had. He said it was impossible that West German authorities did not know what their missile experts were doing in Egypt and he asked why the Government had not sought to arouse world opinion against West German missile help to Egypt "since a timely information campaign might have nipped the matter in the bud."

He also criticized Israel's vote in the General Assembly for the resolution condemning South Africa for its racist apartheid policies. He offered the criticism not on the issue of racial discrimination "which Israel abhors" but on grounds that Israel should not support a "double standard" and "hypocrisy" at the United Nations. He asserted that there was slavery in Yemen but no one proposed sanctions against Yemen and those voting against South Africa included dozens of totalitarian countries.

The Liberal party deputies generally supported Mrs. Meir's statement as did the National Religious party. Agudat Israel deputies said Israel should have abstained on the UN vote with an explanation to the African countries that just as they showed solidarity with one another, so must Israel show solidarity with South African Jewry.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT STARTS HEARING ON APPEAL FOR CONVICTED SPY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court opened today a hearing on the appeal by Dr. Israel Beer from a 10-year prison term on conviction of espionage last January. The prosecution at the same time began an appeal against the sentence as too lenient.

The three-man tribunal, with Chief Justice Yitzhak Olshan presiding, met behind closed doors. Cry its judgment on the appeals will be made public. Before entering the courtroom, Dr. Beer, a former member of the Israel Army general staff, told newsmen he was innocent. He said he had never spied, betrayed or sent military secrets to any power, the counts on which he was convicted.

BEN-GURION PLANS TO SEEK FUNDS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was reported today to be planning to convene a special conference of leaders both of Israel and abroad to mobilize funds for the expansion of secondary education in Israel. The conference will be held in Jerusalem.

A special committee was established jointly by the Government and the Jewish Agency to tackle the lag in secondary education for the needy. Israel does not have a free high school education system.

The goal of the Prime Minister's efforts, it was understood, will not be to start a new fund-raising campaign but rather to canvass contributions from a select group of donors. It was indicated that Education Minister Abba Eban, currently in the United States, is holding preliminary discussions with various personalities on the problem.

HALL IN WHICH WEIZMANN TOOK PRESIDENT'S OATH DEDICATED TO HIS NAME

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The hall in which the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann took his oath of office as first President of Israel, in 1948, was dedicated here today as a memorial to his name. At one of the long series of events here marking the 10th anniversary of Dr. Weizmann's death, leading members of the Cabinet, Parliament and the Jewish Agency executive participated in impressive ceremonies, naming the auditorium of the Jewish Agency Building "Chaim Weizmann Hall."

13 NAZIS ON TRIAL FOR MURDERING 180,000 JEWS; THREE SURVIVORS TO TESTIFY

BONN, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The principal defendant in the trial of 13 former Nazi storm troopers and security police, who are charged with the murder of 180,000 Jews in the Chelmno concentration camp in Poland, during World War II, testified today that he got "madly drunk because I knew what was going on."

Gustav Laabs, 60, an SS sergeant, gave that reply during initial questioning of the defendants. He was the driver of a gas van into which Jews were crammed by SS men to be killed. The 200-page indictment, which took a year to prepare, charges the 13 defendants with murdering or abetting the murder of the 180,000 Jewish men, women and children from 1941 to 1944.

The nine-member jury in the provincial court here yesterday heard testimony by Walter Bock, 50, of Hanover. He said he did not mention his "service" in Chelmno during his denazification proceedings "because nobody asked me." He was cleared and, in 1947, returned to his former rank in the police department. The trial is expected to last until the end of next January.

(World Jewish Congress headquarters in New York announced today that, of the 170,000 prewar Jewish residents of Chelmno, only three Jews survived. All were located, after a world-wide search, in Israel, and are now in Bonn, ready to testify at the trial. The men are Michael Podchlebnik, Simon Srebrnik and Mordecai Zurawski.)

COBLENZ TRIAL HEARS EX-NAZIS TELL OF ATROCITIES AGAINST MINSK JEWS

COBLENZ, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Arthur Much, 69, one of the witnesses in the mass murder trial of 12 former Nazis charged with murdering more than 35,000 Jews in Minsk during World War II, testified today that a Jewess was hanged in front of the Minsk SS headquarters after all Minsk Jews had been forced to assemble to watch the execution.

A. Wedekind, a former Criminal Investigation Department inspector, testified on what was meant by "tightened-up hearings" in the Minsk Ghetto. He said this referred to the most gruesome beatings of Jewish prisoners.

GERMAN CHURCH LEADERS SEE BEN-GURION WELCOMING TIES WITH BONN

FRANKFURT, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Two leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany said here today, on their return from a visit to Israel, that they believed Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion would welcome establishment of normal and full diplomatic relations with West Germany.

Dr. Kurt Scharf, president of the Evangelical Church, and Dr. Heinrich Gruber, West Berlin dean, made that statement during a stopover here after a 10-day visit to Israel. They also said they felt that Mr. Ben-Gurion would succeed in that objective, in spite of "certain opposition" which might be put forward by "minority" groups in Israel.

The two church leaders, who talked with the Prime Minister and with Dr. Chaim Yachil, director-general of the Israel Foreign Ministry and former deputy head of the Israel Mission in Cologne, said that the bid for such diplomatic ties had not yet been submitted to the Federal Republic because of fears it would be refused.

They also said they felt that confidence in West Germany was growing in Israel. They visited Israel as part of a group of 30 West German pastors who participated in commemoration rites for Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust.

SWASTIKA PLAGUE HITS SAN FRANCISCO; ONE ARRESTED, OTHER VANDALS SOUGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- One confessed 14-year-old vandal was detained in juvenile court, and others were sought today in a new outbreak of swastika smearings on synagogues, homes and schools in two San Francisco districts.

Police found six swastikas smeared on the walls of Anshe Sfard synagogue, and on five homes near the synagogue. The 14-year-old boy, whose name was withheld, was arrested and admitted he had smeared swastikas on a junior high school he attends, and on four homes and a nursery school near his home.

The boy was taken to the desecrated synagogues but denied he had ever been there. Police conceded that a comparison of the smearings admitted by the boy with those on the synagogue indicated they were done by different persons.

MOROCCAN JEWS URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM

CASABLANCA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- David Amar, president of the Federation of Jewish communities in Morocco, issued an appeal today to Moroccan Jews for full participation in a government referendum for a proposed new constitution.

The Jewish leader said Moroccan citizens of the Jewish faith "must on this occasion display the fullest measure of their attachment to their country and their loyalty and patriotism to Morocco." He added that participation would give proof that Jews were "living in Morocco as free men and in a democracy." The directive urging all citizens to vote also was issued in all synagogues.

SEVEN JEWS WIN SEATS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN BRAZIL; ONE IN SENATE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- One more Jew has been chosen to a legislative office, it was disclosed here today after final completion of tabulations from last month's general elections. The latest Jewish addition is Henrique Henkin, former police chief of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, who has been elected as a deputy in that State's Legislative Assembly.

With the confirmation of Mr. Henkin's election, the total of Jews chosen in the general balloting stands at seven. One Jew had been elected to the Federal Senate, one to the National Legislative Assembly, and five to state Assemblies.

As a result of the elections, the Integralista Party, which during World War II played an important role in Brazilian politics with a program supporting Nazi Germany, lost its mandate. The Integralista group drew less than 10,000 votes in the entire country, electing not a single deputy either on the Federal or State levels. One eccentric candidate who ran for office in this city, calling himself "Adolf Hitler" and announcing himself as "a friend of the Bible and the Jews," received exactly 47 votes.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES FORTHCOMING VISIT OF GOLDA MEIR

OTTAWA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Howard Green, announced today that Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will pay an official visit to Ottawa on November 28-29-30. Mrs. Meir last visited Canada officially in 1958.

While in Ottawa, the Israel Foreign Minister will confer with the Canadian Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mrs. Meir will be guest of honor at a dinner given by Secretary Green on the day of her arrival.

Addressing the convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada in Toronto last week, Prime Minister Diefenbaker spoke of the close ties between Canada and Israel, adding that the Israeli Ambassador to Canada, Yaacov Herzog, has made a contribution beyond bound to this friendship.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF ORT ARRIVES IN U. S.; WILL REPORT TO COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Max A. Braude, director-general of ORT, arrived today to begin a one-month coast-to-coast "report to the American Jewish community." Mr. Braude will participate in discussions with the Joint Distribution Committee and with officials of American ORT concerning the financing of training programs conducted by ORT in 19 countries.

"The most urgent needs overseas today are in Israel and France," Mr. Braude stated. "One hundred and twenty thousand Algerian Jews in France are in a desperate situation. Conditions are worst among the youth. Everything must be done to salvage this generation. All ORT schools in France have expanded to admit hundreds of these newcomers. But the need is to enroll thousands more."

Mr. Braude heads the overseas operations of 600 ORT trade schools and other technical and vocational services in Europe, Israel, North Africa, Iran and other areas. Recently, he represented ORT at a Peace Corps sponsored conference of delegates from 40 nations concerned with middle-level manpower training. He is also presently serving as coordinator of a newly formed technical institute in West Africa, which is being financed by the Agency for International Development and administered by ORT.

2,000 DELEGATES ATTEND JEWISH NATIONAL FUND PARLEY IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Some 2,000 delegates attending the Jewish National Fund Conference here today called upon President John F. Kennedy to reject the proposal in the United Nations offering the Arab refugees a choice between repatriation to Israel or resettlement in Arab countries. The resolution urged the President to create a "unified" Government policy on the Middle East including the possible convocation of a peace parley between the Arab states and Israel.

A total of \$100,000 was raised at the conference. Speakers included Senator Maurine Neuberger of Oregon and Rabbi Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America. Milan Roven, industrialist, was elected president of the Los Angeles Council of the JNF. Ben Swig, president of the JNF Western Region, announced at the conference that a forest would be planted in Israel in honor of President Kennedy in appreciation of his handling of the Cuban crisis in a manner which averted war.

OHIO'S GOVERNOR-ELECT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WINGATE INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Wingate Physical Culture Institute near Natanya will receive a new swimming pool through the efforts of Governor-elect James Rhodes of Ohio, who today affirmed a pledge he made two years ago that he would raise \$75,000 for the purpose if he were elected Governor.

Mr. Rhodes reiterated the pledge to Haim Glibinsky, secretary of the Israeli Olympic Committee, who received a cable here today that the Governor-elect would raise the required funds from friends of the Wingate Institute in this country.