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### J. F. W. F. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS; BUDGETS OF NATIONAL AGENCIES REVIEWED

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The 31st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds opened here today with a session of the Large City Budgeting Conference reviewing the 1963 budgets of a number of national and overseas agencies. The official opening of the Assembly, in which delegates from 800 Jewish communities will participate, will take place tomorrow afternoon.

The Large City Budgeting Conference, a joint budget review process set up by the largest communities outside New York City, will continue consideration of the 1963 budgets of participating agencies tomorrow. Louis J. Fox of Baltimore, retiring chairman of the LCBC, said that the total sum involved in the budgets of the 13 agencies reviewed annually by the Conference is \$13,000,000. The annual allocation from federations and welfare funds outside New York City to these agencies totals about \$3,500,000.

The agencies whose budgets were reviewed today by the LCBC included the American Jewish Congress, United Hias Service, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and the Synagogue Council of America. The agencies whose budgets will be reviewed tomorrow include the American Association for Jewish Education, National Jewish Welfare Board, National Community Relations Advisory Council, and others.

In opening the session of the LCBC today, Mr. Fox said that the most important asset possessed by the LCBC "is the general store of confidence" with which it is regarded by member and non-member communities and the national and overseas agencies. The budget it reviews. Reports on the LCBC process, Mr. Fox pointed out, will be turned to community allocations committees in March when agency requests for funds are made.

Judge Irving Hill of Los Angeles, chairman of the LCBC committee on community budget procedures, presented the committee's report on studies it made in regard to LCBC participation by community lay leaders and executives, community use of LCBC reports and materials, LCBC procedures and member action in relation to LCBC reports.

The committee established, according to Judge Hill, that LCBC findings were used by communities questioned; that there could be a greater involvement in the LCBC process by leadership in the respective member communities; that LCBC has stimulated a plan-process regarding needs and services going beyond review of items in a current budget and has included reviews of an entire area of need; and that LCBC has stimulated participation in actual or proposed evaluative studies of agency programs and other activities following a variety of patterns.

#### Workshops to Discuss Effective Collection of Pledges

Plans to strengthen the 1963 fund-raising campaign in each community will be discussed tomorrow at workshops which will follow the opening of the formal opening of the JF Assembly. The primary focus of the workshops will be on campaign evaluation. Experiences will be exchanged on collection of pledges in 1962 and stress will be laid on essential ingredients for good collections.

A report on basic elements for effective collections was distributed today among the agencies in preparation for tomorrow's discussions. The report emphasizes that "there is a general agreement that individualized attention to the outstanding accounts is the key to a successful collection effort. But there are variations in the way this is done--variations which reflect the individual differences among the outstanding accounts."

The communities, according to the report, have had a marked improvement in their collections as a result of the more frequent attention given to collections by the Federal Board of Directors. Many communities have also found that a top-drawer collection team gives greater assurance that the collections record will be analyzed regularly and thoughtfully. "Collections work requires people with a very high degree of tact, ingenuity, persistence--and collection committees have attracted leadership abilities," the report says.

## KNESSET REJECTS MOTION TO ABOLISH MILITARY RULE IN ARAB AREAS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament, rejected today a motion to abolish military government in the country's Arab sections after Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion intimated that defection within his coalition government on the issue would lead to a fall of his government and force new elections. The vote was 50 to 26 with 23 abstentions.

The motion was introduced by the Liberal party's Pinhas Rosen. It did not mention the present military rule, merely proposing new Israeli legislation amending British mandatory regulations of the pre-state period of 1945 from which the military rule was derived.

Dr. Rosen, who last February sustained a narrow 58 to 55 defeat in the Knesset in a previous fight for cancellation of the military rule, said today that the vote then was an "unclear majority." He alluded to a coalition agreement which gave the Agudat Israel party a deputy minister in the Cabinet and promise of a larger budget for its educational system in return for a pledge of continued Agudat Israel support of military rule.

He added that two Arab deputies who "unnaturally" voted against cancellation had done so under pressure in a "temporary show of weakness." He said they would undoubtedly vote otherwise in another balloting.

Achdut Avodah, a coalition party, abstained under an agreement permitting it not to support the Government on this issue. A spokesman told the Knesset that it would continue all efforts to effect cancellation at "the appropriate time." He added that the Rosen motion was "insincere" and a ruse to embarrass the Government.

The Herut party abstained on grounds that the motion would change "hated British repressive laws" under an Israeli guise. A spokesman said that the party would support an outright proposal to rescind military rule which it considers unessential and harmful to Arab and Israeli interests.

The Prime Minister took angry issue with Dr. Rosen, a former Justice Minister, calling the motion most untimely in view of current intra-Arab squabbles. He said the motion was designed to reintroduce the issue through a "back door," and called it an undignified maneuver.

## GOLDA MEIR DEFENDS ISRAEL'S CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AT U.N.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, defended the Israel delegation's vote in the United Nations on the condemnation of South Africa's apartheid policy, as she summarized the two-day foreign policy debate in the Knesset here today.

She expressed satisfaction over the Knesset's final vote last night on a resolution upholding the foreign policy, as she had outlined it. Parliament approved the policy by a vote of 63-11, with 13 abstentions. Not only the parties that are members of the coalition Government, but also the Liberals and Agudat Israel joined in the overwhelming affirmative vote. The Herut Party abstained. The negative votes were cast by the Communist Party and by the leftist but anti-Communist Mapam.

Referring in her summation to Israel's UN vote against South Africa, Mrs. Meir said it would have been contrary to Jewish morality for Israel to have failed to raise its voice against the "shameful iniquity" of South Africa's apartheid policy. She pointed out that South Africa's racism was a matter that touched "the very souls" of the African members of the United Nations.

In regard to the Arab refugee issue, Mrs. Meir said she had reason "to be encouraged" by Parliament's vote, which reaffirmed Israel's principle of "non-return" for the refugees.

Israel's dealings with West Germany were also defended by Mrs. Meir in her summation in response to Herut criticism. The question of Israeli-German relations, she said, was "one of the most complicated and most painful" issues. However, she emphasized that Israel's security was involved in this matter. "Our security," she said, "over-rides every other consideration in determining Israeli-German relations."

## ISRAELI OPERA CONDUCTOR CHARGED WITH AIDING NAZIS IN POLAND

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (UTA) -- The Tel Aviv district court yesterday committed Hirsch Birenblatt, 50, assistant conductor of the Israeli Opera, for trial on charges of aiding the Nazis in Poland and handing over to them thousands of Jewish victims.

The musician had been recognized by a number of survivors of the Polish ghettos and arrested. At first he had decided to forego a preliminary hearing but changed his mind. Trial was ordered at the hearing. The musician said he was tried on similar charges in Poland but had been acquitted.

## ISRAEL FLOTILLA RETURNS FROM EXERCISES IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- An Israeli naval flotilla of three destroyers and one submarine returned today to Haifa after four weeks of exercises in the Mediterranean Sea. For part of the time, the Israelis were guests of the French Navy. The exercises included submarine hunting and surface engagements.

#### NAZI WHO GASED THOUSANDS OF JEWS SAYS HE ONLY OBEYED ORDERS

BONN, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Former Police Lieutenant Ernst Burmeister, who was in charge of a special Nazi detachment which gassed many thousands of Jews in the Chelmno concentration camp in Poland during World War II, said today at the mass murder trial of 13 storm troopers and security police that he had been accustomed all his life to receive and carry out orders.

He made the statement in interrogation in the trial in which the defendants are charged with the murder of 180,000 Jews in the Polish death camp. He said that, as a civil servant all his life, he had been "brought up in the Prussian way of life" to do as he was ordered.

Four leaders of a neo-Nazi movement in West Berlin were given prison terms today ranging from four to nine months, for spreading ideas against "democratic order." Two others were sentenced to one-month terms in a youth detention home, after they were convicted on the same charges.

#### JUDGE TESTIFIES ON NAZI KILLING OF 3,500 JEWISH CHILDREN IN MINSK

COBLENZ, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Nazi SS troops used whips to drive children of 3,300 German Jews away from their parents in the Minsk ghetto before murdering the children, a district judge of Minsk during the German occupation testified yesterday in the trial of 12 Nazis charged with murdering more than 35,000 Jews there during World War II.

Dr. Adalbert Reiff, in describing the massacre, said all the children were shot, but he did not know the exact number. Dr. Reiff, now an attorney in Aix-la-Chapelle, also testified he had lodged a complaint with the Nazi Ministry for the occupied Eastern territories about the savage treatment of Jews, Russians and others, and had at the same time refused to return to his duties at Minsk.

The defense attorneys made a joint request to the court, after Dr. Reiff's testimony, that Wilhelm Foge, public prosecutor at Kaiserslautern, be called as a defense witness. The unusual request was based on the fact that Foge had worked with Dr. Reiff in the legal division of the Nazi district office at Minsk.

#### NAZI GENERAL FIGHTS EXTRADITION FROM AUSTRIA TO FACE TRIAL

BRUSSELS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Belgian Parliament was told today that the delay in the extradition from Austria to Belgium of Robert Jan Verbelen, former SS general, had been caused by Verbelen's fight to retain his recently acquired Austrian citizenship. Verbelen, a one-time deputy to Belgian fascist Leon Degrelle, is wanted in Belgium on Nazi war crimes charges.

Paul Henri-Spaak, Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, disclosed the delay in reply to a question. He said that Verbelen had been deprived of the Austrian nationality he acquired under false pretenses a few years ago, but that the Nazi had appealed the action and his extradition had been postponed pending a final decision on his citizenship.

#### \$3,500,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD IN GERMANY; MORE BEING ANTICIPATED

FRANKFURT, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A total of \$3,500,000 in Israel bonds has been sold in West Germany, the "Friends of Israel Development," a group of Germans representing various fields of West German public life, reported today.

Dr. Eric Lotz, chairman of the group's 42-member board, said that it was hoped that an additional \$5,000,000 worth of bonds would be sold in West Germany. He said the efforts were part of a campaign throughout Western Europe to mobilize by such means a total of \$50,000,000 for Israel's economic development.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY IN STOCKHOLM HONORS SWEDISH KING ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish community here today joined in the observance of the 80th birthday of King Gustav VI Adolf with a reception in honor of the occasion and the announcement that it had planted a forest in Israel in his honor.

A certificate citing the forest project in Israel was presented to the King in an audience here today by a delegation of Jewish communal leaders including Gunnar Josephson, chairman of the forest project; Fritz Hollander, president of the Stockholm Jewish community; Max Korgold, president of the Swedish Jewish National Fund; Hugo Vallentin, honorary president of the Swedish Zionist Federation and Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm.

Speaking at a reception honoring the King's birthday, Rabbi Wilhelm declared that the Royal Family and the entire Swedish people were "inscribed in the book of Jewish history -- for giving a home to persecuted Jews."

#### WEST GERMAN YOUTHS TO HELP BUILD JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN FRANCE

FRANKFURT, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Twelve young Germans, half of them from West Berlin, left Frankfurt today for Villeurbanne in southeast France to assist in the building of a Jewish Community Center there. The project is being carried out under sponsorship of the movement founded in 1959 by the Evangelical Church of Germany to make amends for the Nazi persecution and destruction. Similar German youth groups have already undertaken such projects in England, Israel, Greece and other countries.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMISSIONERS CAN BAN BIAS IN PRIVATE HOUSING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have been informed by the Corporation Counsel that they have the legal authority under their police powers to ban racial and religious discrimination in private housing. Pockets of anti-Jewish and anti-Negro bias have persisted in the District.

The Corporation Counsel's opinion stressed, however, that an anti-bias regulation could be issued only after public hearings to determine whether discrimination endangers the general welfare and safety of the community. Commissioner Walter N. Tobriner declined comment after receiving the opinion from the city's legal staff. He would not state whether or when hearings would be convened.

Just before Congress adjourned, the southern-dominated House District Committee adopted a resolution asking the Commissioners to hold off any ordinance. It questioned the authority of the District Government to issue one. The Congressional committee said it wanted time to hold its own hearings when Congress convenes next year. A member of the committee staff has conferred with the Corporation Counsel's office about the authority of the Commissioners to issue an anti-discrimination ban under an 1892 joint resolution of Congress.

## HOUSING COOPERATIVE IN N. Y. SUBURB SURRENDERS ON ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith hailed with satisfaction today the conciliation achieved by the New York State Commission for Human Rights of a complaint filed by Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz against Northgate Apartments, Inc., a housing cooperative in the suburb of Bronxville. Mr. Lefkowitz charged that Northgate Apartments discriminated against Jews in the sale of cooperative apartments, basing his complaint on affidavits submitted to his office by the Anti-Defamation League early this year on behalf of two individuals.

As a result of the Commission's efforts, following the step taken by Attorney General Lefkowitz, Northgate Apartments, Inc., has agreed to admit Jews as tenant-stockholders, and will alter its bylaws in the next month to permit transfer of shares "without regard to race, color or national origin."

The incorporated Village of Bronxville has been for many years under attack for religious bias in the renting and sale of residential accommodations. Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the League, pointed out that his organization had testified in 1959 before the U. S. Civil Rights Commission that Bronxville "has produced the anomaly of a Christian ghetto in an area of the country where there is a normal intermingling of Christian and Jewish populations." The League testified that "Bronxville remains a striking example of irrational prejudice, a Judenrein preserve in the heart of an area in which Jews and Christians live together amicably."

## ISRAELI LUXURY LINER LAUNCHED; WILL RUN BETWEEN NEW YORK AND HAIFA

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The launching of a new Israel 23,000-ton luxury liner, the S. S. Shalom, at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique Shipyard at St. Nazaire, was reported here today. The vessel, which will be delivered late next year for service with the Zim-Israel Navigation Company of Haifa, will be the largest in Israel's merchant fleet.

The liner, which will be used on the regular New York to Haifa run, will carry 1,984 passengers and a crew of 450. It will be 629 feet in length and will have a cruising speed of 20 to 21 knots.

The vessel, which will be equipped with stabilizers to prevent rolling in heavy seas, will be air conditioned. It will have 10 decks, three swimming pools, a theater for stage shows, a motion picture theater and an internal television system.

## KLUTZNICK LAUDS HEBREW U. FOR TRAINING EXPERTS FOR AFRICAN LANDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, today praised the Hebrew University for training experts from the new countries of Africa and Asia and creating in the process "a bridge of mutual understanding and sympathy" for "the war against ignorance, poverty and disease."

He spoke at the tenth annual awards luncheon of the Women's Division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, at which the division's "Women of the Year" award was presented to Mrs. Katherine Louchheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs of the U. S. State Department for her work and leadership in national and international affairs.

## \$10,700,000 BOND ISSUE OF EINSTEIN COLLEGE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A \$10,700,000 first mortgage bond issue for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University has been oversubscribed with orders exceeding the amount issued by about 25 percent, it was announced here today by B. C. Ziegler and Co., underwriters.

Proceeds of the issue, believed to be the largest single institutional bond issue ever offered publicly, will be used by the medical school for the construction of a 250-bed university hospital and a 12-story research center.