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ADL CLOSING ASSEMBLY; ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE MAY REJOIN NCRAC

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The 31st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds concluded here today with an announcement by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that it had decided to open negotiations for joining the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The NCRAC is the coordinating body of six national organizations and numerous local community councils in the work of combating anti-Semitism and defending civil rights.

The ADL and the American Jewish Committee had quit the NCRAC 10 years ago in disagreement over recommendations by Professor Robert MacIver, of Columbia University, who reviewed the functions of Jewish groups active in the field of civil rights. The study by Prof. MacIver was sponsored by the NCRAC.

Today's announcement on the possible rejoining of the NCRAC by the ADL was made on the floor of the Assembly by Label A. Katz, B'nai B'rith national president, on his behalf and on behalf of Henry Schultz, ADL chairman. Mr. Katz also announced that the ADL agreed to open discussions on the possibility of its participation in the Large Budgeting Conference for joint budget review.

The announcement was applauded by all Assembly delegates. It was welcomed from the floor by Lewis H. Weinstein, of Boston, NCRAC chairman, who expressed hope that the American Jewish Committee would similarly agree to negotiations on rejoining the NCRAC. Mr. Weinstein's move by the ADL is a result of energetic efforts made during the last few years by V. Lowenstein of Newark, chairman of a CJFWF subcommittee on coordination of community relations.

Mr. Lowenstein similarly expressed from the floor the hope that the American Jewish Committee may also explore the possibility of returning to the ranks of the NCRAC. He emphasized, however, that this is "only a hope, not an assurance." He reported on his discussions with the ADL and AJC. He said that, after the two organizations had decided to terminate their joint fund-raising activities at the end of the year, he began to explore with the ADL whether it would meet with the NCRAC leaders directly to consider new relationships.

Resolutions Stress Need for Cooperation; Reaffirm Church-State Separation

The Assembly adopted a resolution expressing hope that discussions currently under way between the CJFWF with the agencies active in the field of Jewish community relations for coordination may lead to a successful outcome within 1963.

Events of grave national concern continue to add to the urgency of the need for cooperation by all Jewish agencies in the field of Jewish community relations," the resolution stated. "These events make it necessary to extend beyond the coordination of the work of national and 62 local and regional agencies achieved through the NCRAC, and to involve the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. We re-emphasize the call for the extension of cooperation, and place utmost importance upon the discussions currently under way by the CJFWF with the agencies for this purpose," the resolution said.

The Assembly also adopted a resolution affirming "its wholehearted support" of the principle of separation of church and state. Pointing out that "this beneficent doctrine has guaranteed religious freedom from all, and has served as a boon to religion," the resolution said: "We are profoundly convinced that governmental aid to religiously controlled schools--Protestant, Catholic or Jewish--whether in the form of long-term, low interest loans or outright subsidies, would do a grave disservice to both religious and secular education, and would violate the American tradition of separation of church and state."

Intensified Aid to Israel Pledged; U. J. A. Achievements Are Lauded

The resolutions, pledging intensified philanthropic aid to Israel by the Jewish community in the United States and Canada, and lauding the humanitarian achievements made by the United Jewish Appeal, were adopted by the Assembly. The resolutions also affirmed the primacy of federated fund-raising in this country.

The resolutions expressed gratification over the progress during the past year in the implementation of recommendations by the CJFWF on community-financed services in

Israel dealing with; Establishment of priorities in programs and expenditures, continued debt control, consolidation of agricultural settlements, rental housing for immigrants, and elimination of support for American activities from the budget of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.

The General Assembly urged continued progress in these programs as well as attention to other recommendations of the CJFWF including: basic long range planning; clear division of functions between the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Israel Government; re-examination of dual financing involved in direct welfare fund grants to beneficiaries; and indirect welfare fund support to the same institutions through subsidies from the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.; coordination of welfare programs; and adherence to the commitments given by officials of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem with respect to greater control of competing multiple appeals from Israel in the United States.

Board Position on Agency Reaffirmed; Change in Nomenclature Urged

The Assembly endorsed the position of the board of directors of the CJFWF, calling for budget review and consultation by the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. with the Large City Budgeting Conference. The Assembly reaffirmed "with urgency" its request for the merger of "overlapping organizations," notably the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and the United Israel Appeal. It also requested elimination of confusion in the names and identification of the several Jewish Agencies for Israel.

The Assembly suggested that decisions to achieve this objective should be taken before determination of the current Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., agreement in 1963.

The General Assembly emphasized that its call for these actions stemmed from the concerns of contributors in communities and "the need of community welfare funds to buttress allocations with the fullest knowledge of requirements, programs and finances."

In its resolution on the United Jewish Appeal, the Assembly said "the unprecedented humanitarian achievements made possible by the UJA constitute an enduring chapter in the history of the Jewish people and one in which all mankind will take everlasting pride.

"On this 25th anniversary of the UJA, we pay tribute to the vision and perseverance of the national officers of the UJA who have served indefatigably; to the countless men and women of our community federations and welfare funds whose understanding, dedication and generosity have made possible this accomplishment; and to the constituent agencies whose cooperation within the UJA and with the Community Federations and Welfare Funds has brought such magnificent results. We look to the extension of these efforts and this cooperation, to assure that the unfinished responsibilities which press so urgently will be met with even greater effectiveness."

Primacy of Fund-Raising by Federations Stressed; Cash Collections Analyzed

In its resolution on the need to strengthen the primacy of fund-raising by federations, the Assembly stated that an analysis by the CJFWF of fund-raising and cash collections, during the past year, had pointed up great differences in achievement among communities, and had re-emphasized the need for thorough examination of underlying causes of such differences.

"The manifold unresolved overseas, national and local problems, with changing needs, pressures and opportunities, place profound responsibilities upon federated financing for greater support," the resolution declared. "In seeking to meet this responsibility, the principles defined by the General Assembly a year ago continue to apply with added force."

"At stake," continued the resolution, "is the unparalleled scope of human needs which depend upon federated financing, challenging the ability of communities to adopt their sights, methods and achievements to the changing requirements of the times. We look to the most intensive effort by member federations and welfare funds, with the aid of the CJFWF, to meet the test of 1963."

Sobeloff Emphasizes 'Inclusiveness' of Welfare Funds as 1963 Theme

Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Detroit, addressing a session on campaign planning for fund-raising, stressed the inclusiveness of welfare funds as an effective theme for 1963 campaigning.

"While the massive needs overseas will continue to receive the lion's share of emphasis and funds in keeping with the magnitude of the task," Mr. Sobeloff stated, "the rounded-out appeal embodying local, national and overseas needs will be best calculated to win the acceptance of the contributing public. The inter-relationships and the inter-dependence of the American Jewish community with responsibilities and opportunities the world over, and notably in Israel, is being recognized as the basis for the rationale of Jewish communal endeavor."

A resolution adopted by the Assembly on endowment funds to Jewish federations emphasized that experience during the past several years has shown that very substantial resources are available to Federations in bequests and in various forms of endowments, which are not available to annual campaigns.

"Such funds," the resolution said, "have made possible more effective planning and expanded special services which could not otherwise be financed." The resolution commended

the federations and welfare funds which have carefully planned and conducted persistent action for the development of endowment funds, and urged the CJFWF to give greater assistance to communities in this development.

Herbert H. Schiff Reports 1962 Campaigns Exceeded 1961 Amounts

Final figures will show that the 1962 Jewish federation campaigns will indicate an increase of about six to seven per cent over those of the previous year, the General Assembly was told by Herbert H. Schiff of Columbus, vice-chairman of the CJFWF national campaign services committee.

Mr. Schiff made this report to the more than 1,000 delegates from about 800 communities in the United States and Canada meeting here to review results of the 1962 fund-raising drives, and to map plans for more effective campaigns in 1963. The delegates represent more than 200 Jewish welfare funds which last year raised more than \$125,000,000 for domestic and overseas Jewish philanthropic needs.

"While the increase in the fund-raising campaign this year is a clear gain," Mr. Schiff said, "there is one element that should receive close examination--that is the rapid fall-off of increases toward the end of the campaign. This fall-off had already started before the stock market drop of May 28," he emphasized.

"We should not minimize the effect of fluctuations of the economy on our campaigns," he said. "But, even during the months when talk was most pessimistic, the realities of our economic life were much better than our frame of mind. An examination of this past year's drives shows clearly that communities which continued vigorous collection efforts, and payments forthcoming in adequate amounts, while those which thought 'this is no time to ask for money' found they got very little."

COMMUNITIES REQUESTED TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH EDUCATION QUALITY

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in this country and in Canada are urged here today by the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to strengthen Jewish education in quality and effectiveness. They were also urged to make larger contributions to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. A resolution adopted by the Assembly at its closing session today stated:

"The strengthening of Jewish education in quality and effectiveness is of the utmost importance to the future of our communities and of Jewry in America. Since the findings of the National Study of Jewish Education in America were reported to the General Assembly in 1959, a number of community federations have intensified their re-examination of the status of Jewish education in their communities.

"This re-examination and the continuous consideration given by the General Assembly have highlighted major problems in community-wide responsibilities, notably for the quality, standard and effectiveness of Jewish education, for teacher training, supervision and guidance, for continuation of education at junior high, high school and adult levels, and for planning coordination, financing and leadership.

"While the forms and procedures vary from city to city in Jewish education as in other services, the problems are pervasive. They require the most energetic and imaginative national and local attention; re-appraisal of the various forms of Jewish education and the role of federations in relation to them--weekday, week-end and all-day schools; cooperation among the various types of schools, and particularly between synagogues and federations; and concerted measures to deal with community-wide responsibilities. We commend the communities, which have carried forward such a re-appraisal and planning; we urge those communities which have not yet done so to undertake it," the resolution declared.

In its resolution on the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Assembly expressed satisfaction with the progress made by the Foundation in the field of its activities and called for greater assistance to enable the "far greater progress which can lie ahead."

Detailed reports on the achievements of the Foundation were given at a special session of the Assembly, at which the status and outlook of Jewish culture in America was discussed. Principal speakers at the session were Edwin Wolf, 2nd, of Philadelphia and Dr. Judah J. Leroi, of New York, president and secretary, respectively, of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

LOUIS STERN CHOSEN CJFWF PRESIDENT; GEORGE MICHELSON CHAIRMAN OF LCBC

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Louis Stern, of South Orange, N.J., prominent investment broker and a key leader in the United Jewish Appeal, was elected president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at the 31st General Assembly of the organization, which concluded its four-day series of sessions here today. He succeeds Irving Kane of Cleveland, whose three-year term of service expired.

Elected with Mr. Stern at the Assembly's banquet session were the following vice-presidents: Louis J. Fox, Baltimore; D. Lou Harris, Toronto; Carlos L. Israels, New York; Benjamin Lazrus, New York; and Judge Theodore Levin, Detroit. Re-elected d

vice-presidents were: Judge Irving Hill, Los Angeles; I. S. Lowenberg, Chicago; and Lewis H. Weinstein, Boston. Edwin Rosenberg, New York, was elected treasurer; and Sol Satinsky, Philadelphia, was chosen secretary.

George Michelson of Boston was elected chairman of the large City Budgeting Conference at the closing LCBC luncheon of the General Assembly today. He succeeds Louis J. Fox, of Baltimore, who has served in that post since 1959. Mr. Michelson, a building construction engineer, is on the executive committee of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. He is also a member of the board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Stern Seeks 'Creative Thinking' in Changing World; Shroder Awards Presented

In addressing the General Assembly on "The Federation Commitment in a Changing World," Mr. Stern told more than 1,000 delegates at the banquet session that the Jewish federations and welfare funds must be alert to new programs, even if created outside their own agencies. He suggested that federations should reach out to attract and involve, in addition to the "able young business men and lawyers, some of our most imaginative and creative minds--the growing numbers of scholars, writers, scientists and social scientists."

The creativity which the welfare organizations require, Mr. Stern said, "is needed in every field and area of our work--in the building of a rich new Jewish culture in America; in dealing with the mammoth problem of mental health; in the obligations to go beyond shelter for our aged; in the productive use of our increased leisure; for occupational retraining to meet the impact of automation; for our moral responsibility in the crisis of civil liberties; and for the momentous rehabilitation requirements overseas."

At the banquet last night, which was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Weinstein, the William J. Shroder Memorial Awards for outstanding social welfare achievements were presented to the Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services, the Joint Distribution Committee (which helped to organize the European organization), and the Jewish Vocational Service of Chicago.

The presentations were made by William Rosenwald of New York and by Mrs. Stanley Mayersohn, of Albany. The Standing Conference is a new inter-European organization which was initiated two years ago as the culmination of postwar efforts by the JDC to reconstruct European Jewish community life. The Chicago agency was cited for its development of a therapeutic work program for long-term psychiatric patients.

ASSEMBLY COMMENDS WOMEN'S DIVISIONS AFTER ADDRESS BY MRS. BLAUSTEIN

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A resolution commending the CJFWF National Committee on Women's Service was adopted here by the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, emphasizing the achievements of the women's group. The resolution was adopted following a keynote address by Mrs. Jacob Blaustein on the role of women in community organizations, delivered at a special workshop session here.

The Women's Divisions of the federations and welfare funds now account for as much as 59 per cent of the gifts, the Assembly was told in a report. The report also showed that 17 per cent of the funds contributed to federations come from the Women's Divisions.

The resolution pointed out that, in addition to gains in funds, the intensive activities of women in the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds also resulted in bringing understanding and commitment into the families. The benefits derived from the women's work in campaigns, and from their services in various boards and committees, are "incalculable," the resolution added.

In her address, Mrs. Blaustein said that women must realize they had "a special duty as givers. They must make 'plus' gifts which are separate and distinct from those of their husbands." More than 270 women from 53 cities participated in the deliberations of the General Assembly.

In another resolution, the Assembly emphasized the shortages of professional personnel in Jewish communal agencies, and said in a resolution that these shortages handicapped the services of the Jewish communal agencies seriously.

"Despite the increases in the numbers of graduate students receiving professional social work education, the opportunities and the needs for staff continues to grow," the resolution said.

It reported that the National Scholarship Plan of the CJFWF, in its first years, has added 36 persons to the field, and said that its greater potential had been manifested in the total of 175 applications received. It called on the communities to help assure that state and federal appropriations for public welfare training will be made available. It also called upon those Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which had not shared as yet in the support of the National Scholarship Plan to do so.

ANN URGES 'HIGH PRIORITY' FOR HEBREW EDUCATION AT TARBUTH PARLEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Leading Jewish educators from various parts of the country today expressed divergent views on the future scope of Hebrew education and culture in this country. They spoke at the conclusion of a two-day conference under the auspices of the Tarbuth Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture, where Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Foundation, and Israel's Minister of Education Abba Eban declared that the study of Hebrew be given the highest priority in the United States.

While some of today's speakers voiced pessimism as to the degree of progress that has been achieved in promoting Hebrew education to the extent that Hebrew become "a common language" for American Jewry, it was the consensus of the leading educators that a bold and all-encompassing program be launched embracing a nationwide survey of colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning, with a view to the introduction of undergraduate and graduate departments in the field of Hebrew and cognate studies.

In last night's opening dinner session, Dr. Neumann declared that there is "urgent need for the provision of opportunities for Hebrew studies in colleges and universities throughout the United States "not only for Jewish students, but for the cultural enrichment of American life in general." Mr. Eban warned of the danger of "estrangement and isolation between American Jewry and the people of Israel" unless Jewries in both countries embrace the Hebrew language as a common tongue. "The very unity and integrity of the Jewish people," he said, "depends on whether Hebrew culture will have a strong position in American Jewry."

Their statements were made before 700 educators and Jewish communal leaders. The conference, presided over by Dr. Neumann, was sponsored by 25 Jewish organizations. The Tarbuth Foundation, launched recently with initial gifts by Abraham and Rebecca Goodman, of this city, has already allocated more than \$100,000 for the launching of educational and cultural projects.

Another speaker at the dinner was Pierre E. Gilbert, former French ambassador to Israel, a Jew, publicly educated in a Jesuit school, who had taught himself Hebrew and urged Jewish students all over the world to study Hebrew instead of other ancient tongues like Greek or Latin.

Special citations in the form of scrolls were presented to Professor Harry W. Wolfson, of Harvard, on his 75th anniversary, and to Philip W. Lown, president of the American Association for Jewish Education.

Prime Objectives of Foundation Outlined; Endowment, Govt. Aid Urged

Dr. Neumann, outlining the prime objective of the Foundation, said these are: "to establish for the Hebrew language and Hebraic culture a position of high priority in the consensus of the American Jewish community and its accepted table of priorities." 1. "To encourage and promote in a practical way programs and activities designed to spread the knowledge of Hebrew and the cultivation of Hebrew letters, especially among the rising generation of American Jews."

Dr. Neumann, a world Zionist leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, declared that "there are more than 200,000 Jewish students in American colleges and universities, the vast majority of whom have little or no knowledge of the language of their fathers and the growing store of modern Hebrew literature." He emphasized that "there is a great need for providing greater opportunities for Hebrew studies in institutions of higher learning throughout the land--not only for Jewish students but for the cultural enrichment of American life in general."

Dr. Neumann made a strong appeal for the "establishment, wherever possible, of departments and courses of Hebraic studies by private endowments, governmental agencies and universities themselves." "As the People of the Book, with a great spiritual and intellectual tradition, we pray for the day when the present growing concentration on the physical sciences--a concentration stimulated by military consideration--may be tempered and replaced by a return to the humanities and an ever-growing appreciation of cultural values," he emphasized.

Mr. Eban asserted that "the crucial question in modern Jewish life is whether Israeli Jews in other lands will continue to feel the bond of a common memory and a common tradition." He cautioned that "the answer cannot be taken for granted and emphasized: it is seriously possible that our children and yours will be foreign to each other, sharing no common memories, cherishing no common dreams."

Mr. Eban further stressed that "If they do not possess a common language infused with Jewish associations, it is difficult to know how this alienation can be avoided," adding that "it is not too much to say that the unity and integrity of the Jewish people depends on whether Hebrew culture will have a strong position in American Jewry."

CATHOLIC SCHOLAR AFFIRMS PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A leading Catholic scholar today called on Protestants, Catholics and Jews to "uphold each other in the support of religious values in a way that will confront the advancing secularist order with a firm but fair opposition."

Addressing the opening session here of the first national institute on "The Responsibilities of Religious Freedom," sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, professor of church history at the Catholic University of America, urged non-Catholics to "keep their minds attuned to the mounting sentiment in Catholic circles all over the world in favor of universal religious freedom."

He said, however, that the Catholic Church should be judged "by its record in the United States and not in Spain or Columbia or any other country where Catholics form a majority of the population."

Asserting that the principle of church-state separation was an integral part of Catholic thinking in this country, Msgr. Ellis declared: "In the world society as we find it today, nothing is more vital to the principle of religious freedom than that very separation."

Rabbi Bertram W. Korn of Philadelphia, prominent Jewish historian and spiritual leader of the Reform Congregation Kneseth Israel of Philadelphia, said that "Jews have been accorded a closer approximation of religious freedom in the United States than in any other country in the Western world at any time in history." He stated that this status had been achieved, not from the action of organized religious bodies but from the contribution of laymen.

Another speaker at the session was Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history at the Chicago Theological Seminary, who predicted that "with the tremendous manpower of Judaism, Catholicism and Protestantism in a situation primarily pluralistic and voluntaristic, the Golden Age of religion in America lies directly before us."

ARAB AND DRUZE STUDENTS AWARDED MAGNES SCHOLARSHIP AT HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- An Arab and a Druze student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have been awarded the seventh annual Judah L. Magnes Scholarships, it was announced here today by James Marshall, president of the Magnes Foundation. The recipients are Samih Khatib, the only Israeli Arab to specialize in the Hebrew language; and Selman Falah, who is specializing in the history of Moslem countries.

Established in tribute to the late first president of the Hebrew University, the Judah L. Magnes Scholarships are awarded annually to Arab or Druze honor students at the university. Dr. Magnes, an outstanding American educator and rabbi, led the university from its inception in 1925 until his death in 1948.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH UNDER WAY; MORE THAN 2,000 AMERICAN GROUPS PARTICIPATE

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 groups across the nation are observing Jewish Book Month, which will run through December 16, the National Jewish Welfare Board, sponsors of the event, announced here today. Among the organizations participating in the observances are Jewish community centers, synagogues, Jewish schools, libraries and clubs.

Jewish Book Month is also being observed in Mexico, Argentina and other Latin American countries, South Africa and Great Britain. Events to be conducted during the month include Jewish book fairs, Bible study groups, discussions and lectures on the Bible, exhibits on Bible themes, dramatizations, contests and music programs.

ISRAELI CABINET DISCUSSES EDUCATIONAL TV; BEN-GURION OPPOSES PLAN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today began discussions on a recommendation by a Ministerial Committee favoring a proposal by the Rothschild Group, offering to establish an educational television network in Israel.

In spite of the Committee's unanimous support of the project, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was reportedly opposed to the plan, on the grounds that it would open the door to television broadcasting of entertainment programs. Decision on the project was postponed until next week's Cabinet meeting, when Education Minister Abba Eban will have returned from a visit to the United States. Mr. Eban is expected to support the project.

BUFFALO JEWISH REVIEW EDITORS CITED BY EDUCATORS FOR 'INTENSIVE' AID

BUFFALO, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Special citations for a "consistent, positive attitude to intensive Jewish education" in both news and editorials were given here tonight to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jacobs, editors and publishers of the Buffalo Jewish Review, at a dinner marking the 34th anniversary of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Buffalo. The presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs highlighted the dinner, which was devoted to the topic: "The Challenge of our Community to Jewish Education."

AIDE REPORTS TO KENNEDY ON TALKS WITH LEADERS OF ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Presidential aide Myer Feldman this weekend reported personally to President Kennedy at the White House on his recent visit to Israel and discussions with Israeli leaders.

Mr. Feldman presented the President with a gift of special commemorative coins which Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion asked him to bring back for that purpose. Mr. Feldman had attended, on behalf of the President, the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President.

In addition to delivering Mr. Ben-Gurion's gift, Mr. Feldman reported to Mr. Kennedy on his talks with Mr. Ben-Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, and other leading Israelis.

ISRAEL, POLAND, RAISE RANK OF THEIR ENVOYS; CLOSER FRIENDSHIP SEEN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The elevation by Israel and Poland of their missions to Embassies was seen here today by diplomatic sources as a further expression of the developing friendship between the two countries.

A Polish trade mission visited Israel two weeks ago, and a new trade agreement was signed. It involves an exchange of goods totaling \$4,500,000 each way.

The elevation in diplomatic status, in which it was understood that Israel took the initiative, was not expected to produce any personnel changes. Envoys Antony Bida and Vigdor Dagan will remain in their present respective posts, but with the rank of Ambassadors hereafter.

Israel Elevates Rank at Addis Ababa as Emperor Disregards Arab Pressure

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Shmuel Divon, director of the Middle Eastern department of the Foreign Ministry, has been named Israel's first Ambassador to Ethiopia, it was announced here today. The appointment followed the elevation of Israel's representation in Addis Ababa from the rank of Consul General, and the decision by Emperor Haile Selassie to expand cooperation with Israel, disregarding continuous Arab pressure.

ISRAEL'S NEW BUDGET HIGHER THAN EXPECTED, TOTALS NEARLY \$1,000,000,000

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A proposed draft of Israel's 1963-64 budget, totaling \$1,800,000,000 pounds (\$933,000,000) and representing an increase of 18 to 20 per cent over the 1962-63 budget, was presented to the Ministerial Economic Affairs Committee today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

It had been estimated earlier that the new budget would run about 15 per cent higher than the previous year's. But the figures were increased in accordance with higher estimates in the fields of education and defense.

'BALLISTIC AGE' COMPLICATES ISRAELI DRIVE FOR DETERRENT, EBAN WARNS

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education, expressed concern here tonight over the fact that it was now technically and financially more difficult for Israel "to maintain an effective deterrent" against attack by hostile neighbors in view of the fact that the Middle East had "entered the ballistic age of strategy," with missiles taking the place of conventional forces.

Addressing an Israel bond dinner held here in his honor, Mr. Eban, who was Israel's Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations for 10 years, said "the Arab mind seems to be gripped by a kind of historic determinism, telling it that, if all other objectives of Arab nationalism have been achieved, the aim of destroying Israel might also be accomplished."

More than \$225,000 in Israel bonds were purchased in tribute to Mr. Eban, who received a silver Megilah from Rabbi William Berkowitz, spiritual leader of Congregation 'nai Jeshurun and chairman of the Manhattan Israel bond drive.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN KATANGA CAPITAL REPORTED REDUCED BY MORE THAN 50%

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Only 500 Jews remain today in Elisabethville, capital of Katanga, the disputed Congo province, which last year had a Jewish community totaling more than 1,250 persons, it was reported here today by The New York Times.

In an interview with Rabbi Moise Levy, spiritual leader of the Elisabethville Jewish community, a Times correspondent found that the biggest problem of the city's remaining Jews was to raise sufficient funds for repairs to the synagogue which was badly damaged during recent fighting.

"So far we have spent 270,000 francs (\$5,400)," Rabbi Levy declared, asserting that it was especially hard to raise funds with the Jewish community reduced in numbers. Praising the "spiritual toleration" in Elisabethville, Rabbi Levy said "there has never been a pogrom here or anywhere else in the Congo."

\$15, 000, 000 GIVEN TO YESHIVA'S EINSTEIN COLLEGE; WEILER, OTHERS HONORED

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A total of \$15,000,000 has already been raised toward the \$27,500,000 development fund goal of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, it was announced here tonight at a special convocation and dinner honoring three prominent personalities. Included in the total raised were six individual gifts of \$1,000,000 or more, received during the past 18 months.

The guests of honor, who were awarded honorary degrees by the college at the special convocation, were: Dr. Arthur Kornberg, Nobel-prize winning biochemist; Dr. James A. Shannon, director of the National Institutes of Health; and Jack D. Weiler, noted philanthropist. The degrees were conferred by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Kornberg, who is professor and chairman of the department of biochemistry at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., was honored for his discoveries concerning the biosynthesis of nucleic acids. Mr. Weiler, chairman of the board of overseers of Einstein College, is national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and is vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Shannon has been director of the National Institutes of Health since 1955, and Assistant Surgeon General since 1952.

Development plans of the college include the construction of the 12-story Ullman Center for Research in the Health Sciences, and the University Hospital Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center.

RABBI NATHAN A. PERILMAN HONORED AT EMANU-EL AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Some 1,000 persons attended a special service at Temple Emanu-El here yesterday, marking the 30th year in the rabbinate of Dr. Nathan A. Perilman, rabbi of the temple, the largest house of Jewish worship in the world. The service observed the 30th year of Dr. Perilman's affiliation with the Temple.

Dr. Perilman's three decades of service to the Temple and the rabbinate were praised at the service by Dr. Albert S. Goldstein, of Brookline, Mass., a classmate of Dr. Perilman at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati; Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of the Temple; and Alfred R. Bachrach, president of the Congregation.

\$8,500,000 NEW YORK HOUSING PROJECT NAMED AFTER RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A 399-apartment project, a state-aided development being built by the New York City Housing Authority at a cost of \$8,500,000, will be dedicated in the name of the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, it was announced at the project's ground-breaking ceremonies here today.

City and state officials, as well as clergymen representing the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths, participated in the ceremonies. When the project is completed, its main lobby will feature a bust of Dr. Wise, the gift of his children, Judge Justine Wise Folier, of New York's Family Court, and James Waterman Wise.

DR. MAURICE B. HEXTER, JACOB HIATT, ELECTED BRANDEIS U. TRUSTEES

WALTHAM, Mass., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, executive vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York; and Jacob Hiatt, a Worcester, Mass. businessman, have been elected trustees of Brandeis University, it was announced here today.

BRIG. GEN. MORRIS C. TROPER DIES; ACTIVE IN REFUGEE WORK SINCE 1920

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Morris C. Troper, a central figure in efforts to aid Jews fleeing the Nazis during World War II, died here Saturday, one day before he was to have celebrated his 70th birthday. He had been chairman of the JDC European executive since 1920.

Active in Jewish refugee affairs for almost 40 years, he was first sent in this connection by the JDC to Poland and Hungary in 1920. He also went to the Soviet Union in 1929 and in 1936, to study efforts of Soviet Jews to establish autonomous colonies there. He first visited Germany on behalf of the JDC in 1933.

On the eve of World War II, Brig.-Gen. Troper and Paul Baerwald, also of the JDC, negotiated with The Netherlands, France, Great Britain and Belgium to accept the 907 passengers aboard the Hamburg-American liner St. Louis, who had been refused permission to disembark in Cuba. Brig.-Gen. Troper remained in his Paris office until just 10 hours before the Nazis took the city and then, after a brief stay in New York, set up headquarters in Lisbon to continue his work on behalf of Jewish refugees.

In 1942 he entered the United States Army in the Office of the Fiscal Director. Subsequently he earned the rank of brigadier general and, in 1945, was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service.