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U. J. A. ADOPTS \$96,000,000 GOAL FOR 1963; RE-ELECTS MEYERHOFF AS HEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal 25th Annual National Conference concluded its three-day sessions here today with unanimous adoption of a \$96,000,000 goal for aid to Jews in 28 countries during 1963. Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, was re-elected to a third successive term as UJA General Chairman.

Adoption by the delegates of the \$96,000,000 goal called for the raising of \$60,000,000 through the UJA's traditional campaign effort, and \$36,000,000 through a supplementary UJA Special Fund. The latter was established "to ensure the ready availability of a large extra source of aid with which to meet and overcome developing resettlement and absorption emergencies in Israel, stemming from an over-normal ongoing immigration, and to cope with acute social welfare needs in France, resulting from a recent influx of 160,000 Jewish refugees from Algeria, Tunisia and other countries."

The final session today ushered in a year-long observance of the UJA's 25th anniversary, which will be marked by more than 3,000 Jewish communities across the country in connection with their 1963 drives. The observances will be under the guidance of a 25th anniversary committee headed by former Senator Herbert H. Lehman of New York, and Mr. Meyerhoff, serving as the committee's honorary general chairman and chairman, respectively. Communal activities in connection with the UJA's 25th anniversary will be directed by a UJA community activities committee of which William Rosenwald is chairman.

Addressing the closing session, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver said: "We will now be working from a base of strength which we did not have 25 years ago. We will never be desperate again, because our people will have a place to go. We now have a well-trained, cohesive Jewish community in the United States. We are not unprepared to handle Jewish problems all over the world. Our American Jewish community is not an escapist community. They have a binding sense of loyalty. Our young people are becoming more closely associated every way with the Jewish community."

Truman Condemns Arab Attacks Against Israel at U. N.

Addressing more than 2,000 delegates and guests at the UJA banquet last night, former President Harry S. Truman expressed admiration for "the patience and restraint" of Israel's diplomatic corps who, he said, "year in and year out have been subjected at the United Nations and other public forums to a barrage of abuse on the part of representatives of Israel's neighbors."

"Israel has more than lived up to the hopes of all who helped to usher her into the family of nations," Mr. Truman said. "She had become a fortress of democracy in a part of the world where the democratic tradition has not yet taken root. She has fought a valiant fight against the ravages of nature. She has extended a helping hand to other underdeveloped countries. She has become a great center of learning and culture. And above all, she has joined you in the monumental effort in the absorption of more than a million Jews who in Israel have found new life and new hope."

The UJA took the occasion of Mr. Truman's participation in its 25th anniversary observance to bestow an award on him, in recognition of his "many great acts of statesmanship and compassion" while President of the United States "in behalf of the surviving victims of Nazi tyranny." Silver candlesticks wrought in Israel were presented to him by Murray Fenster, a twice-wounded and three times decorated veteran of the Korean War, who was admitted as a refugee, liberated from a Nazi camp, to the United States in 1946, under a directive issued by Mr. Truman permitting the entry of 100,000 displaced persons of all faiths.

In another ceremony, a gold medallion, especially struck by the State of Israel, went to Mr. Lehman in "grateful recognition and appreciation" of his "uninterrupted leadership of the United Jewish Appeal" since its founding nearly a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Lehman, in accepting the award, said: "Ours is a story of the triumph of life over death; of good over evil; of compassion over brutality; of freedom over slavery; of decency over the laws of the jungle; of humanity over inhumanity."

Warburg Outlines Dramatically UJA's Concept of Survival

Edward M. M. Warburg told the gathering that the purpose of the Anniversary banquet and of the projected year-long observance of the UJA's record "was not to bestow upon

ourselves a public praise. It is not enough to mourn our dead unless we swear that others will not die because of anything we leave undone," he declared. Dramatically describing the UJA's concept of survival, Mr. Warburg stated:

"We know that survival is a man slipping across a barbed-wire frontier in the dead of night, but we have learned that it is also a man blinded by trachoma and begging his food in the streets. Survival is the kibbutznick with his rifle on the seat of the tractor next to him, but it is also the clean furrow which his tractor leaves behind. Survival is a woman descending from a train and drinking deeply for the first time of the air of freedom, but it is also a woman climbing the steps of a maternity hospital with a sureness that her baby will not die. Survival is a child running happily from the gangplank in Haifa, but it is also a child growing strong on the food he eats at a school in Casablanca or Teheran as his only meal of the day. All these are survival and all these are the UJA."

Friedman Depicts UJA Role in American Jewish Community Life

Mr. Meyerhoff, in his opening remarks as the banquet's presiding chairman, reviewed the UJA's principal achievements since its establishment in 1939, emphasizing that the UJA has given aid to 3,000,000 Jews the world over, including the resettlement of 1,200,000 in Israel alone. "However," he added, "acute Jewish problems still prevail in Europe and Israel, which the United Jewish Appeal and its agencies must deal with in the year ahead, and in special and extraordinary ways."

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, stressed the major role that the United Jewish Appeal has come to assume in the community since its formation. He declared that, since its inception, UJA has served as the "great unifier" in the American Jewish community. "What the UJA has done," Rabbi Friedman said, "has been to create one great voice for American Jewry on problems of overseas aid. Additionally, it has been the standard-setter in matters of giving. It has educated people everywhere to new concepts of responsibility toward those they must help."

"Additionally," he declared, "the UJA has been the stimulator of many other ways and means to meet Jewish needs overseas. From it have sprung fresh concepts of private investments in Israel, of bond issues, and of other forms of aid. The United Jewish Appeal is not a temporary, one-time, one emergency kind of an agency. Neither does it see itself as remaining permanently in existence. Some day it hopes to be able to go out of existence. But after 25 years of great striving and effort, its work is still unfinished. Right now, there are 575,000 Jews in need all over the world. We shall have to go on helping these and others."

Sharett, Pincus Stress Need of More Aid from U. S. Jewry

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, addressing the delegates, said that, thanks to the help given by American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal, and to the State of Israel's irrevocable commitment to welcome any Jew who wishes to come to it, more than 1,000,000 Jews have been brought to Israel to begin new lives since the State's establishment in 1948.

"But many more tens of thousands are still waiting to come," Mr. Sharett told the meeting, "and have been entering Israel in record numbers all during the past year. The tensions and unrest that dominate the life of our times affect with tragic impact the position of many Jewish communities. It will take great funds and unrelenting vigilance and perseverance, to save them."

Aryeh L. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, stressed that the year 1963 promises to be the third year in succession that Israel will experience a far above normal immigration. "The tens of thousands who entered Israel in the past two years have already imposed an almost impossible burden on Israel's people, particularly with the need to complete their absorption," he said. "It is the responsibility of American Jews to make the extra effort to help meet the vast needs which exist and which face us."

Mr. Pincus disclosed that the "Jewish Agency, Jerusalem, was forced to borrow many millions of dollars in Europe in 1962, and the Government of Israel was forced to make an extra contribution from its revenue that it could ill afford, in order to meet immigrant needs in 1962. This," Mr. Pincus said, "was because contributions from American Jewry, great as they are, have not matched the present requirements."

The delegates heard also from Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, at a plenary session, with Jack D. Weiler of New York, a national chairman of the UJA, presiding.

At the concluding session today, the delegates, in addition to re-electing Mr. Meyerhoff as UJA General Chairman, also elected Isadore Breslau of Washington, D. C., and Jack D. Weiler of New York as national chairmen, representing respectively the United Israel Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee--the constituent agencies of the UJA. Four new members were elected to the six-man group of national chairmen. They are: Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis; Israel D. Fink of Minneapolis; Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland; and William Rosenwald of New York, the latter a former UJA general chairman. The delegates also elected Deway D. Stone of Boston as an honorary chairman; Fred Forman of Rochester and Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco as honorary national chairmen; and Robert W. Schiff of Columbus, Ohio as an honorary special fund chairman. Rabbi Friedman was re-elected UJA executive vice-chairman.

ISRAEL FORMS GOVT. COMPANY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Israel announced here today the formation of a government company for the promotion of nuclear science, and development and exploitation of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. Incorporated at 40,000,000 pounds (\$16,666,666), the firm's founding shareholders include Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, and Deputy Minister of Defense Shimon Peres as representatives of the Government.

Other initial stockholders listed in the announcement are Abraham Zabarsky, chairman and managing director of the Workers' Bank, Ltd.; Dr. Yeschayahu Foerder, board chairman of the Bank Leumi le-Israel; and several leaders of the parties that are partners in the coalition Government. Hillel Z. Dan, former director of Solel-Boneh, the construction and contracting arm of Histadrut--the Israel Federation of Labor--has been appointed manager of the new company.

BEN-GURION CONFERS WITH U.S. ENVOY ON SYRIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was understood today to have informed United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour that Israel was gravely concerned over continuing attacks by Syria on workers in the demilitarized zone near Lake Tiberias.

The Prime Minister also met with General Karl von Horn, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization to discuss the most recent attack by Syrian gunners last Tuesday when one Israeli settler was injured. A spokesman for UNTSO said that General von Horn sent a report of the meeting with the Prime Minister to the UN Secretariat in New York.

The spokesman also said that General von Horn was not considering at the present time a visit to Syria on the matter and it was assumed he would await instructions on the matter from UN headquarters.

The Prime Minister, in his talk with Barbour, was understood to have cited Syrian attacks going back to last October and to have stressed that Israel could not tolerate a situation in which its citizens were being killed and property destroyed by "murderers wearing uniforms."

Mr. Ben-Gurion reportedly pointed out that the United States, while urging Israel to preserve peace and cooperate with UN officials, must also use its influence to ensure compliance by the Syrians with the same proposals. The envoy said he would convey the Prime Minister's views to Washington.

SOME ARAB LANDS INCLINED TO SEEK PEACE WITH ISRAEL; FEAR OTHERS

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A number of the Arab countries feel that the time is coming when they have got to learn to live with Israel, Harold Wilson, Labor member of Parliament and the Labor Party's "shadow foreign minister," declared here last night. He made the statement in an overall report on a visit to Israel, from which he had just returned, on the Hebrew service of the British Broadcasting Company's radio transmission.

Declaring that he gained the impression of Arab readiness to talk peace "from outside Israel as well as in Israel," the Labor Party's foremost foreign affairs expert said that each of the Arab states "is afraid to make the first step." "They are afraid," he declared, "that if they do that, intervention may come from another Arab state, leading perhaps to a palace or some other kind of revolution, and it would be dangerous to take the first step."

"Until some such step is taken," he added, "there would have to be a real awareness of Israel's security problem." The West, he said, "has a job to do, particularly in considering the Suez Canal blockade against Israeli ships."

Mr. Wilson declared himself "tremendously impressed" with Israel's progress and with the rate of advancement, "both on the industrial and agricultural fronts. He lauded the progress made in the development of desert areas, the absorption of immigrants, and the "social equality being built in Israel." Above all, he said, he was "taken with their confidence and with the Israeli tackling of the problems of the future." He expressed the opinion that "the future of Israel probably lies in being an industrial country."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS DENIES REPORT ON TALKS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress here today denied a report published in a local Jewish newspaper to the effect that negotiations have taken place in various East European capitals between Soviet officials and a Jewish community leader on the subject of Jewish emigration from the USSR.

The WJC emphasized that, to the best of its knowledge, such reports are without any foundation. "The World Jewish Congress regrets the publication of such reports which are calculated to give rise to hopes which may be disappointed," the statement said.

JEWS IN MOROCCO IGNORE CALL TO BOYCOTT REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTION

CASABLANCA, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Despite the call of some Jewish leaders in this country for a boycott of Friday's constitutional referendum, which appeared to have been approved by the country's population by a substantial majority, Jews turned out en masse to vote at the polls, ignoring the boycott call. Many elderly, bearded Jews, and many Jewish women were seen entering the polling places, a number of them declaring they would "vote for the King."

The referendum had been initiated by young King Hassan II. The Council of Moroccan Jewish Communities as well as the Chief Rabbinate, had urged Jews to participate in the referendum and to approve the King's constitutional draft. However, a number of prominent Jewish personalities, including Meyer Toledano, vice-president of the Casablanca Jewish Community, issued a manifesto last week, denouncing the proposed constitution as "reactionary" and "anti-democratic," calling for a boycott of the balloting.

EX-NAZI COLONEL ARRESTED IN CHILE DENIES KILLING 90,000 JEWS

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Walter Rauff, former Nazi SS colonel arrested here last week at the request of the West German Government, on charges of annihilating 90,000 Jews during World War II, said here this weekend that he will fight Bonn's extradition application on the grounds that he was not an executioner but only "a desk colonel."

He told Chief Justice Rafael Fontecillas, of the Chilean Supreme Court, before whom he was brought on the extradition application: "I signed papers brought to me, but I never ordered or witnessed any killings of Jews." He is being held under heavy guard pending Justice Fontecilla's determination of the case.

Meanwhile, high police authorities here said they were expecting the possible arrest of "a very high Nazi." There were indications that the ex-Nazi police hope to arrest may be Martin Bormann, Hitler's first deputy, who has been missing since he reportedly escaped from Buenos Aires following the apprehension there of the late Adolf Eichmann.

(In Germany, the Hanover public prosecutor's office disclosed today that a trial of Nazi war criminals now being prepared in Hanover might possibly include Walter Rauff. An office spokesman said that two of Rauff's former subordinates had been under arrest in West Germany for more than a year and that others, not under arrest, were also suspected of complicity in murders by poison gas vans.)

LEHMAN AND MEYERHOFF RECEIVE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HERITAGE AWARDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University's Heritage Awards for 1962 were presented tonight to Herbert H. Lehman, former New York State Governor and U. S. Senator, Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Meyer W. Gasner of Toronto, prominent Canadian Jewish leader.

The presentations were made by Dr. Samuel Belkin, University president, at the university's 33rd annual dinner, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The awards honor "outstanding individuals who have exemplified and perpetuated the noble ideals of justice, learning and philanthropy inherent in the Jewish Heritage."

PRINCESS MARGARET VISITS BRITISH MACCABI ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Princess Margaret and her husband Lord Snowdon paid a visit this weekend to Maccabi House on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the British Maccabi sports organization. The Princess, who was presented with a memento by the members of the club, was welcomed by Pierre Gildesgame, chairman of the World Maccabi.

The Princess and Lord Snowdon witnessed an exhibition of the club's activities and dined at Maccabi House with members of the Committee and club members. Later they attended a pageant depicting the history of Maccabi. Also present were Councillor and Mrs. Harold West, Mayor of Hampstead. During the week, Home Secretary Henry Brooke is scheduled to attend ceremonies at Maccabi House.

NEW TRANSLATION OF BIBLE CHOSEN BY 'BOOK OF THE MONTH' CLUB

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) - The new translation of the Pentateuch, the first Five Books of Moses, has been chosen by the Book of the Month Club as an "alternate choice" for its subscribers.

The new text, which will be published next January 28 by the Jewish Publication Society, is the first portion of what is scheduled to be a completely modern-language version of the Old Testament, prepared by a committee headed by Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky.