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### U. J. A. THREE-DAY PARLEY OPENS TODAY; TO LAUNCH \$96,000,000 CAMPAIGN

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal will launch its 1963 nationwide campaign to raise during its 25th anniversary year a record goal of \$96,000,000 at a three day inaugural meeting opening tomorrow at the Fontainebleu Hotel here.

Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, UJA general chairman, reported today to members of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet that advance gifts in connection with the inaugural were running better than 25 percent over those contributed in advance of the 1962 campaign opening.

Of the total goal, \$36,000,000 will be sought in individual Special Fund gifts earmarked exclusively for the UJA and its agencies. The Special Fund will be sought to expedite the financing of emergency situations stemming from the continuing record influx of immigrant Jews to Israel and the presence in France of more than 160,000 Jewish refugees from Algeria, Tunisia and other countries.

More than 350 key community leaders from all parts of the United States met tonight at the home of Allen S. Manus in Palm Beach to hear Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, and Israel Army Col. Josef Nevo, commander of the Jerusalem Military District. The UJA National Campaign Cabinet will hold a full session tomorrow to put the final touches to all the preparations made here during the past month to assure the strongest inaugural in the UJA's 25-year history.

Speakers at the inaugural banquet Sunday night will include U. S. Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican; Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States; Mr. Meyerhoff, who will preside, and others.

### AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION PROTESTS BARRING OF J. T. A. CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union today protested to Secretary of State Dean Rusk against the barring of the Washington correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Milton Friedman, from a press briefing conducted by the Near Eastern Division of the State Department on the Arab refugee issue.

Declaring that the ACLU is "gravely disturbed" over this act, and that the organization considers the exclusion of the JTA correspondent from the briefing "a clear violation of freedom of the press in which the State Department, or any other agency of our government, has no business being involved, John de J. Pemberton, Jr., executive director of ACLU, said in the letter of protest:

"The treatment of Mr. Friedman would appear to be outright discrimination, based on the things he has written. The statement that the State Department considered Mr. Friedman's writings unfriendly to the Department's policies, or that his attendance at the briefing was not welcome because his articles were sometimes used by the Israeli Government, only heightens the abuse. If this theory was carried to its logical conclusion, the State Department might exclude all reporters whose articles did not conform with the Department's standards.

"The freedom of the press to criticize government policy was a fundamental reason for the creation of the First Amendment. Only through such criticism can the public be informed about government operations and given the opportunity to comment about policies under which our country is governed. Any road block placed in the way of the press to fulfill this vital function should be immediately removed. We urge that whatever ban has been imposed on Mr. Friedman be immediately lifted," the ACLU letter stated.

### Texas Senator Protests to State Department; Asks for Comment

Democratic Senator Ralph W. Yarborough, of Texas, has called on the State Department's director of Near Eastern Affairs, Robert C. Strong, to give "fair treatment at future press conferences by the Department of State" to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Senator's request was contained in a letter made public today.

The Texas lawmaker said he was acting following the receipt of a letter of protest from Jimmy Wisch, editor and publisher of "The Texas Jewish Post," of Dallas, who asked the Senator to "convey to the State Department the importance of making certain that the future press conferences given by Mr. Strong will not be used as a reprisal against Mr. Friedman

of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency." Mr. Wisch pointed out that "the Texas Jewish Post covers the Washington scene weekly for all citizens of our great state" and expressed the hope that his newspaper "can continue this coverage under the full guarantees of the freedom of the press."

In his letter to Mr. Strong, Sen. Yarborough asked for the State Department officer's "comments on this matter," and urged corrective measures so that the newspaper "will be at all times represented in news coverage at the Department of State." Copies of Sen. Yarborough's correspondence were also sent to Congressman John E. Moss, California Democrat, who is chairman of a special subcommittee on government information.

Similar letters of protest from English-Jewish newspapers across the country have been received by other members of Congress who reportedly are planning formal protests and inquiries at the Department over the incident.

#### GOLDA MEIR HOPES EUROMART TALKS WITH ISRAEL WILL NOT BE DELAYED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, expressed the hope today that the current difficulties within the European Economic Community would not cause delay in negotiations for an Israeli link with the six member nations.

Replying to questions at a Foreign Press Correspondents luncheon she said that while the difficulties arising from France's effort to bar British entry into the Common Market were "of concern to all," she did not see how developments in British-French relations could in any way affect Israel's relations with France.

Mrs. Meir referred only briefly to the latest violent change of regimes in Iraq, describing this as "an internal affair." She added that in view of the Arab attitude toward Israel, "we are interested in one aspect, namely, whether events in the neighboring countries might affect Israel's security."

Discussing the prospects of change in the Middle East situation, Mrs. Meir said she was convinced that if all the great powers of the East and West would act to assure the territorial integrity and independence of each country in the area, a radical change would follow.

#### 1,500 ISRAELI EXPERTS ARE WORKING IN UNDERDEVELOPED LANDS, EBAN SAYS

GENEVA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel Minister of Education, told a press conference here today that there were currently 1,500 Israeli scientific and technical specialists working in new countries and that Israel in 1962 had been host to some 1,600 scientific and technical leaders from those countries, providing them with technical facilities.

Mr. Eban, who is head of the 24-man Israeli delegation to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology to Aid Emergent Nations, offered this data in an assessment of the results to date of the huge conference. He said that the creation of new machinery to help solve the problems of the poorer countries--as has been suggested at the conference--would not make obsolete the multi-lateral activities between states in mutual aid through technical assistance of the type Israel has been providing.

He called speeding up the development of the poor countries one of the "three major problems of our time," listing the other two as those of Great Power relations and the prevention of nuclear war.

#### SOVIET WITNESSES FAIL TO ARRIVE IN GERMANY FOR 'MINSK TRIAL'

COBLENZ, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Officials of the jury court trying George Heuser and 11 other former SS men in the mass wartime slaughter of 35,000 Jews in Minsk said today that "neither the Soviet witnesses nor documents offered by Soviet authorities" against the defendants "have arrived here."

Soviet officials had called a special press conference in Moscow to complain that the jury court had refused to consider either the documentary evidence or the availability of the Soviet witnesses.

The jury court officials said that no information could be obtained from Soviet official quarters on the reason for the delay despite the fact that the visas were issued on February 4. The trial has been going on since last October 15.

#### WARRANT FOR RE-ARREST OF NAZI INVOLVED IN KILLING JEWS ISSUED

SCHLESWIG, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A warrant for the re-arrest of Martin Fellenz, a former SS major sentenced last month in Flensburg to four years at hard labor for complicity in the Nazi murder of 40,000 Jews in Poland in 1942, was issued today in Schleswig. The 53-year-old businessman was released immediately after sentencing last January 12 on grounds he had "served" 30 months in pre-trial detention. The remainder of the sentence is being served on probation.

A spokesman for the Schleswig-Holstein provincial government said the warrant had been issued at the request of the public prosecutor at Flensburg. It was indicated that new material had been found placing Fellenz under suspicion in the deportation of Jews in Krakow in Nazi-occupied Poland during the war.

GEN. FRANCO PERMITS SENDING SEPHARDIC DOCUMENTS FOR EXHIBITION IN U. S.

MADRID, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Plans for the exhibition at the B'nai B'rith headquarters building in Washington next fall of papers and historical documents dealing with the Sephardic Jews were announced here today by the organization's president, Label A. Katz, at a news conference following a meeting at El Pardo Palace here with General Francisco Franco. The American Jewish leader said the Spanish ruler had agreed to his request to move the exhibition to the United States.

The collection, described as the richest display of material dealing with the Sephardim, will be exhibited in other cities of the United States after it goes on view in Washington, Mr. Katz said. The documents will be made available on a loan basis to B'nai B'rith and are expected to be returned to Spain. The material represents a portion of an international exhibit held in Spain about two years ago dealing with the Sephardic Jews.

(In Washington, a Spanish Embassy spokesman expressed the hope that the material will be photostated for preservation in the United States before being sent back to Spain. "It would be a pity to return the documents without making a permanent record of them for students and others interested in this important and historical material," he said.)

SIR ISAAC WOLFSON STIMULATES INTEREST OF U. S. BANKERS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A number of non-Jewish, American bankers and industrialists are giving serious consideration to becoming members of the board of governors of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel, Ltd. This was learned here today as Sir Isaac Wolfson, British financier and philanthropist with vast investments in Israel, completed a three-week visit to the United States. Membership on the board of governors of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel, Ltd., is obtainable only by those who invest a minimum of \$1,300,000 in the company.

Sir Isaac's three-week visit had brought him into intimate contact with many of the leading bankers and industrialists in this country, particularly in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The British visitor, who is a leader in Jewish religious affairs in his country, also used the occasion to confer in this country with leading American Jewish religious and communal leaders. Sir Isaac is president of the United Synagogue, the central organization of Ashkenazic congregations in Great Britain. He is also senior warden of the Central Synagogue of London, and a devoted observer of Orthodoxy.

Banking circles here have reported that Sir Isaac's contacts with finance and industry in the United States have resulted in greatly increased interest in Israeli investments. In all his meetings, Sir Isaac advocated that American financiers follow his personal example which, he noted, showed solid confidence in the monetary value of Israeli investments. In addition to his many philanthropic, educational and cultural interests in Israel, Sir Isaac has invested tens of millions of dollars in Israeli enterprises. Among the latter are, in addition to the Industrial Bank, oil and chemical firms, real estate development, the Export Bank and Bank Leumi.

More than 100 prominent New York Jews, including many leading rabbis, attended a reception yesterday afternoon at "Gracie Mansion"--the official residence of the Mayor of New York in honor of Sir Isaac. Mayor Robert F. Wagner, who has been suffering from a severe case of influenza, left his sick bed to attend the event.

Sir Isaac was honored by the Mayor as a "world citizen." In presenting the city's official medallion to him, Mayor Wagner lauded him particularly for his work on behalf of the World Academy of Jerusalem. The Mayor and other participants in the ceremonies noted that Sir Isaac recently made possible the completion of the central building of the B'nai B'rith World Academy in Jerusalem, which will be known as the Chief Rabbi Herzog Memorial Building.

CHANGES IN TEXT OF 'BABI YAR' POEM PLEASE MOSCOW AUDIENCE

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Dimitri Shostakovitch's 13th symphony, which initially was greeted by Soviet officialdom with disapproval, was lauded today in Moscow after its second performance following the changes made in the text of Babi Yar, the poem against Russian anti-Semitism which the composer incorporated in his symphony. The poem by Evgeny Yevtushenko is sung by a chorus during the symphony.

One of the changes adds Ukrainians and other Russians to the Jews "who lie in the ravine" at Babi Yar, near Kiev, where Nazi murder commandos slaughtered tens of thousands of Jewish men, women and children during the wartime occupation of the area. A second change is the omission of the ancient Czarist cry of the Russian anti-Semites-- "Kill the Jews and Save Russia."

LOCKWELL TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA; OFFICIALS DISAPPROVE

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 14. (JTA) -- American Nazi party leader George Lockwell was slated to address a University of Virginia audience here tonight but under strict set of rules imposed by school authorities.

The self-styled American Fuehrer, whose invitation to address the student body was extended by the John Randolph Society, a conservative student group, despite the disapproval of university officials, was told that he could go on only if he appeared without his uniform and his followers.

# DAROFF TO HEAD NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Samuel H. Daroff of Philadelphia, noted philanthropist, civic and Zionist leader, has agreed to serve as national chairman for the observance of the 15th anniversary of Israel's Independence Day sponsored by the American Zionist Council, coordinating body of all Zionist organizations in this country, according to an announcement today by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Council.

The membership of the national anniversary committee headed by Mr. Daroff will comprise leading figures in all walks of life from various parts of the country. The anniversary celebrations in this country will be ushered in by a gala concert festival and cultural program to be held on Sunday evening, April 28, on the eve of Israel's Independence Day at the Philharmonic Hall in the newly built Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. Similar celebrations are scheduled to be held the same evening in other major American communities across the country.

Making public the selection of Mr. Daroff as head of the nationwide celebrations under united Zionist auspices, Rabbi Miller paid warm tribute to Mr. Daroff's "extraordinary contributions in the efforts for the creation of the State and the development of the State of Israel since its establishment 15 years ago." Mr. Daroff is the recipient of high awards from the Israel Bonds, United Jewish Appeal and for services to our country from the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, and numerous civic organizations as well as Jewish religious and educational institutions. In recognition of Mr. Daroff's services a colony was established in his name in 1951 by the Jewish National Fund of Philadelphia.

# CANADIAN TOWNSHIP CHANGES SATURDAY PLEBISCITE DATE AT JEWISH REQUEST

MONTREAL, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A plebiscite originally set for a Saturday in the Township of North York was changed to another day after the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith pointed out that many Jewish voters would not be able to vote for religious reasons.

The Joint Community Relations Committee of the two Jewish organizations raised the question in a letter to Norman Goodhead, Reeve of the township and to the Liquor License Board of Ontario which had set the plebiscite for March 23.

The protest noted that "the Jewish community is a sizable proportion of the general population" and that the choice of a Saturday would "be regarded with resentment by the Jewish citizens of North York both from the view of the propriety of calling an election on a religious day of rest and for the hardship it will create for observant Jews by making it impossible for them to express their democratic franchise on the matter."

The letter asked the license board to reconsider the date. In reply, the license board said that it had set the Saturday date at the express request of the township but that after "further representations" from the municipal council of North York, the Board "has acceded to their request and changed the date for the holding of this vote to March 27, a Wednesday."

# LCS ANGELES GROUP TO RECORD DEEDS OF CHRISTIANS WHO SAVED JEWS

LCS ANGELES, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Plans were pushed here today for an Institute for Righteous Acts as an international documentary and study center to record the deeds of rescue of Jews from the Nazi genocide.

An initial meeting of backers of the idea from the Bay area was presided over by Benjamin H. Swig, national Jewish communal leader. The backers heard a report from Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, initiator of the project, and Bishop James M. Pike, one of its most enthusiastic supporters.

The Institute would gather and disseminate documentary material on the sacrifices made by Christians in many parts of Europe to save the lives of Jews during the Nazi regime. Seymour Fromer, one of the project sponsors, said that more than 500 narratives of such life-saving activities had been collected and stored at the Judah L. Magnes Memorial Auditorium in Los Angeles.

# DETROIT AUTOMOBILE WORKERS UNION PURCHASES \$50,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

DETROIT, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Ford Local 600 of the United Automobile Workers of America today purchased \$50,000 in Israel Bonds to lend "assistance to a true friend and ally of the United States."

In announcing his union's purchase, the leaders of the union said Israel is "a land where the labor movement is strong and participates not only in governing the country but also in the management of its economy. It is a land which has developed the principles of social justice which we are fighting to attain in our own country."

# MORTON WISHENGRAD, WELL-KNOWN JEWISH RADIO-TV SCRIPT WRITER, DEAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Morton Wishengrad, one of America's outstanding radio-television script writers, will be held here tomorrow. He died suddenly Tuesday, aged 49. He had written more than 100 scripts for "The Eternal Light," a well-known program produced by the Jewish Theological Seminary.