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## FIVE-DAY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPENS TODAY

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Nov. 5. (JTA) -- More than 1,200 delegates representing 218 central Jewish community organizations serving the needs of all elements in American Jewry gathered here today to start five days of deliberations tomorrow at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on major issues facing the organized Jewish communities in this country and Canada and to map plans for 1964 communal activities.

Conditions and facts related to immediate and long-range planning and financing of communal enterprises will be analyzed during the sessions. The discussions will center on the new programs which Jewish federations are to undertake in view of changing conditions affecting Jewish institutions. Special attention will be paid to necessary shifts in priorities in the allocations by the Federations, as well as to the role and responsibilities of lay and professional leaders in communities.

The problems which the General Assembly will deal with include Jewish welfare, education, culture, community relations, health, demography, community organization, aid to Israel and to Jewish communities in other overseas countries, religion, endowment funds, women's activities, and civil rights.

Special attention will be paid to the growing problem of planning for Jewish aged. The pros and cons of Jewish-sponsored apartment housing for the elderly will be debated, as well as the question of self-support for the aged and non-institutional service for them.

Changes in community responsibility for Jewish center services will be discussed by the delegates in the perspective of changing social conditions, population shifts, age groupings, economic factors, general community resources and suburban areas. The Assembly will also review community experience in eliminating scores of multiple appeals, assuring solid support for worthy traditional religious and educational agencies and saving fund-raising costs for traditional institutions.

### Will Discuss Planned Campaigning, Youth Explosion, Leadership

The problem of the Jewish youth explosion will be one of the major problems which will come up for discussion. Delegates will analyze the changes implied for Jewish communal agencies by the rapid increase in the numbers of youth--in education, Jewish centers, vocational programs, child welfare and college level programs.

The Assembly will also take up the question of development of Jewish leadership for local federations and Jewish agencies. It will evaluate the experience with placement of persons after formal leadership training programs. It will also discuss community programs for service and involvement as distinguished from leadership.

Planned programs for fund-raising and campaign improvement by communities will be the subject of basic discussion at the Assembly. Experiences will be exchanged by the delegates on how their communities have overcome problems in cash collections.

Mental health problems will be discussed in connection with new perspectives for mental health services in the community, as they affect almost every type of voluntary agency and especially their relationship to Jewish community responsibilities. A total view will be presented on all major aspects of financing health and welfare services in large and small communities.

### U.S. Jewish Responsibilities to Jews Overseas to Be Analyzed

A special session of the Assembly will discuss the changes in needs, plans and programs of Israel and Jewish communities in other overseas countries and the responsibility of American Jewry in meeting these changed needs. The session will be addressed by experts in the field of overseas relief and reconstruction, as well as by members of the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission who have just returned from Israel and Europe where they studied conditions on the spot.

The civil rights crisis, the issue of church and state and other similar problems and their implications for Federation responsibility are also part of the Assembly's agenda. Delegates from Canada will hold a special meeting to discuss problems of special interest to Canadian Jewry.

# GOLDMANN URGES ZIONISTS TO BECOME ACTIVE IN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the meeting of the Jewish Agency executive plenary today that unless the Zionist movement entered fully into general Jewish life in the organized communities outside of Israel, leadership would pass into non-Zionist hands with all the dangers inherent for Israel in such a development.

He said that the Zionist movement must become a central force in the Conference of Jewish Organizations and a central guiding force in Jewish life in non-Israeli communities. Asserting that these goals were attainable only with the true and sincere aid of the Israel Government, he urged the start of talks with the Government for preparation of a detailed overall plan of cooperation. He suggested an "early" meeting for that purpose.

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the executive, told the opening session that local Zionist organizations must take on a growing responsibilities for tasks to be performed in that area.

## JEWISH AGENCY BUDGET OF \$113,333,333 PROPOSED AT PLENARY SESSION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- A 1964-65 Jewish Agency budget proposal for 340,000,000 pounds (\$113,333,333), about 60,000,000 pounds (\$20,000,000) less than the current budget, was placed before the Agency plenary session here today.

Agency treasurer Aryeh Pincus, in presenting the proposal, indicated that expenditure details had not yet been determined. They will be submitted to the next Agency executive plenary in February.

He added that the 1964 fiscal year was expected to be the fourth in a row of large immigration with expenses rising and with no commensurate rise in income. The budget and the situation of the World Zionist Organization have been under discussion at the current plenary since last Thursday.

Moshe Sharett, Agency executive chairman, told the press that relations between the Israel Government and the World Zionist executive were steadily improving. He said the two were working very closely together and "in an atmosphere of great mutual understanding" in dealing with the problems of immigrant absorption.

He reported that there was also recognition of the need for joint Government-World Zionist action "to assure a Zionist future" in Jewish communities outside of Israel. He added that the present state of relations was "not necessarily" due to the recent change in Israel's Government, when Levi Eshkol succeeded David Ben-Gurion as Premier, but rather to the fact that "we all learned from experience."

## ISRAEL RELEASES CAPTURED ARAB VESSELS; DETAINS SYRIANS FOR EXCHANGE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Israel today released two vessels captured by the coast guard, one a Lebanese schooner with two Lebanese and four Syrians aboard, intercepted in Israeli waters while en route from Gaza to Lebanon, and the other fishing boat with four Arabs aboard found in Israeli waters off Ashkelon. The two Lebanese and the four Arabs aboard the fishing vessel were released with the boats but Israel was holding the four Syrians pending the release of Israelis being held by Syria.

The schooner was initially intercepted by an Israeli submarine and was towed by a cutter into Haifa port where its crew was held for questioning. Later the same day, radar picked up the presence of a fishing vessel in Israeli territorial waters off Ashkelon and that boat also was towed to Haifa.

Officials here said that Israel would return the four Syrian seamen to Syria only if the Syrians returned three Israelis seized by the Syrians on Lake Tiberias last July and still held despite repeated Israeli protests and the intervention of United Nations Secretary General U Thant.

## EIGHT ZEALOTS FINED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AT MISSIONARY SCHOOL

HAIFA, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Suspended jail sentences and fines of up to \$175 were imposed yesterday on eight religious zealots for demonstrations against a mission school in Haifa last September. Another defendant, a 15-year-old yeshiva student, was put on probation by Chief Magistrate Mrs. Starkman Verinsky of Haifa Magistrates Court.

The trial was the second growing out of demonstrations staged against three mission schools in September. The first one also ended in fines and suspended jail sentences. A third trial, involving 104 zealots, has been bogged down in procedural questions in recent weeks.

## EIGHT WAR CRIMINALS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN RUSSIA; KILLED JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Eight Russian war criminals were sentenced to death today and a ninth was sentenced to life imprisonment for their role in the execution along with a Nazi murder squad of some 200,000 Jews and other victims during the German occupation of Simferopol, Mariupol, Taganrog, Rostov and Krasnodar, it was reported here from Krasnodar, U.S.S.R.

## ARABS ATTACK U.S. FOR STARTING TALKS ON SOLVING REFUGEE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Totally ignoring Israel's fresh call for peace talks, Arab representatives here unlimbered their heavy anti-Israeli artillery today, virtually calling for Israel's dismemberment, as the General Assembly's Special Political Committee went into a second day of debate on the Arab refugee issue.

At the same time, principal Arab spokesmen also attacked the United States for having initiated quiet high-level talks with Israeli and Arab leaders in an effort to find some solution to the refugee problem. Those talks were announced yesterday by the Palestine Conciliation Commission, composed of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey, with the Americans acting on behalf of the PCC.

The new call for Arab-Israeli peace was issued at the committee's opening session on the refugee debate yesterday, by Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, while Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, sat behind him to give highest backing to his waving of the olive branch. But today, Ahmad Shukairy, formerly the representative of Saudi Arabia, and previously Syria's delegation chairman, who now represents the Arab League, rejected the Israeli peace offer.

Mr. Shukairy appeared at the head of an 18-member group calling itself the "Palestine Arab Delegation." Thirteen Arab delegations had submitted a letter to the committee chairman, Mihail Haseganu of Rumania, requesting that the so-called "delegation" be seated. However, Mr. Haseganu called on Shukairy to speak as an individual representing Arab refugees.

In a rambling address lasting well over two hours, Mr. Shukairy reiterated every violent charge against Israel, Zionism and "imperialism" ever voiced here, called for the mass "repatriation" of all the refugees into Israeli territory, expressed a desire for the dismemberment of Israel, and concluded by shouting that the issue of peace or war in the Middle East is up to the United Nations. "The choice rests with you," he told the representatives of 111 member states seated in the General Assembly's main auditorium, "the crucial question is: peace or no peace, war or no war."

### Arabs Present Four-Point Program on Israel to U.N. Assembly

The general line of the Arab delegations in the current debate had already been outlined by Abdul Monem Rifa'i, of Jordan. He had presented a four-point program, declaring: "1. Israel must recognize the rights of the refugees; 2. Jewish immigration to Israel must be stopped; 3. The refugees must be given the choice of repatriation or compensation, and assurance that their wishes would be carried out; 4. United Nations custodian should be appointed to protect and maintain Arab refugee property in Israel, with the revenues to go to the refugees pending their repatriation." Every one of these points has been made by the Arab delegations year after year, and have failed of adoption.

Next to attacking Israel, the Arab delegations directed their ire at the PCC and at the United States for the "quiet" talks. They were particularly perturbed because the PCC had reported the talks with Israeli and Arab leaders were being conducted without "preconditions."

Replying to the Arab jibes, Francis T.P. Plimpton, U.S. representative in the committee as well as the American member of the PCC, said that reference to the non-existence of "preconditions" meant simply that no prior conditions had been set insofar as such might concern "the methods of carrying out the Commission's mandate." He told the Arab spokesmen they had "misunderstood" the PCC report on those continuing talks.

The refugee debate is to continue tomorrow, with the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian delegations slated to speak. The committee has set aside a minimum of 15 meetings for the refugee debate this year.

## KENNEDY APPROVES TRANSFER OF U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITY IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Defense Secretary McNamara today gave the Army-Air Force strike command all responsibility for handling brush-fire emergencies in the Middle East, Southern Asia and much of Africa.

The move was officially approved by President Kennedy. It will give the Army strike command under Gen. Paul Adams responsibility for "all U.S. defense activities in the Middle East, Southern Asia, including India and Pakistan, and Africa."

The new command authority units previously divided responsibilities and assignments. Secretary McNamara's move follows a study of the most effective preparations to deal with emergencies which may erupt in the Middle East or other affected regions.

## ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION ORDERED CLOSED BY URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Montevideo police, on special orders of the Uruguayan Government, shut down today the weekly "Broom," an ultra-nationalist publication which was openly defamatory and anti-Semitic.

#### CHASSIDIC RABBI CONDEMNS ZEALOT PICKETING OF ISRAELI CONSULATE IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- A leading Chassidic rabbi in Israel condemned today the picketing yesterday of the Israeli consulate here in a statement released through the American section of the Jewish Agency.

Rabbi Yekutiel Halberstam, the famous Klausenberg Rebbe, sent a cabled message through S. Z. Shragai, head of the Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency in Israel, in which he said he had no connection whatever with either the demonstrations or the stone-throwing in the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem or with the demonstrations organized in New York.

The Rebbe said in his statement that he was "opposed to and condemns all these activities conducted both in Israel and outside Israel." He said that the "only solution" in the current controversy between the ultra-Orthodox groups and the Israel Government was joint cooperation of all segments of religious Jewry in an effort to develop a viable solution of the current problems "and in the increase of immigration of religious Jews to Israel."

Rabbi Halberstam's statement was seen as indicating that a solution to the controversy was being worked out in Israel and that there was, therefore, no justification for the ultra-Orthodox demonstrations in New York City. Rabbi Halberstam left the United States four years ago with a group of his followers to create a settlement in Kiryat Tzans, near Natanya.

The demonstrators who picketed the Consulate yesterday afternoon under the watchful eyes of mounted police carried placards which condemned "pogroms against our brethren in Israel" and assailed "missionary exploitation of economic distress" in Israel.

At the close of the two-and-a-half-hour demonstration, the Consulate distributed a statement quoting Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's condemnation before the Israel Parliament last week of the "deplorable attempt" by "a small group of Jerusalem students to resort to violence" in trying to stop Sabbath traffic near the Mea Shearim section of Jerusalem and his warning that the Israel Government would preserve public order in the area.

A group of the demonstrators asked to see Consul General Katriel Katz. However, they were met outside the Consulate by Moshe Aumann, a consul. He told the group that the Consul-General would not receive them because of the swastikas smeared on the Consulate building for which five demonstrators were arrested. The group asserted it deplored the swastika incident and had so told the consulate.

#### COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM REPORTED OFFERING PROPAGANDA AID IN U.S. TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Indications that the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism may be collaborating with the Palestinian Arab delegation to the United Nations have been received here. The indications came from Arab press reports. On the basis of these reports, inquiries have been made with the United States Department of Justice as to whether the anti-Zionist group was registered as a foreign agent.

The Jordanian newspaper "Falastin" reported from Cairo that "the American anti-Zionist Council has announced it will work towards expending all possible assistance to the Palestinian (Arab) delegation in the United Nations General Assembly, and that it will also be active to bring to the attention of American public opinion the latest developments concerning the Palestine problem and the efforts of the Palestinians to achieve the return of the fatherland that was robbed from them--these matters appeared in a letter from the head of the American Council (of Judaism) received by Ahmed Shukairy."

Mr. Shukairy is leader of the Palestinian Arab delegation at the United Nations and is known for his bitter denunciations of Jews and Israel.

#### RENAULT AUTOMOBILE FIRM SEEKS RENEWAL OF TRADE WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that the French Renault automaking firm, which ended operations in Israel in 1959 under Arab boycott pressure, had asked for renewal of trade relations with Israel and that the request had been approved.

The request was transmitted to the Israel Government through Raymond Schmittlein, president of the French National Assembly. The 1959 break stopped assembly of Renault autos in the Kaiser-Ilfin plant in Haifa. Subsequently the French auto firm tried to set up an assembly plant in Egypt but the effort was a failure.

#### ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER PRESENTS SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET TO PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- A supplementary budget of 130,000,000 pounds (\$43, - 333,000) for the current year for unanticipated expenditures for security, immigrant housing and a national irrigation plan was submitted to Israel's Parliament today by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He said the supplementary budget outlays would be financed from revenue from existing taxes which had yielded 22 per cent more revenue than had been originally estimated.

# ABSENCE OF SOVIET JEWISH REPRESENTATIONS REGRETTED AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, Nov. 5, (JTA) -- A total of \$480,000 has been raised in 11 European countries in order to assist the French Jewish community to meet the problems created by the influx of Jews from North Africa, it was reported here today by Dr. Astorre Mayer, president of the Milan Jewish community and chairman of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Communities. Dr. Mayer presided at the fourth annual assembly of the Standing Conference which opened here yesterday.

Dr. Mayer told the assembly that he regretted the absence of representation from the Soviet Union, center of the largest Jewish community in Europe. He expressed the sentiment of the conference for establishment with the 3,000,000 Soviet Jews the same social and cultural exchanges which the Conference has with the other European communities.

"Given tolerance, encouragement and opportunity of free contact with Jewish communities all over the world," he declared, "the Soviet Jews will be able to give to Jews and humanity that same and important contribution to Jewish values in literature, religion and similar fields as in the past."

He extended the greetings of the Standing Conference to those Jewish communities which were "unable to take part in this meeting." He added that "the heavy losses" which the Jewish people had suffered in recent years "make it imperative that every community should take part in our work and in the preservation of Jewish values."

Discussing the postwar development of the European Jewish communities, Professor Morris Ginsberg of London, said that "even though they could not have done so much without outside help, European Jews have proven far more resilient and resourceful than was generally expected." He stressed the importance of the United States and Israel as centers of Jewish influence on the European Jewish communities.

Charles Jordan, overseas director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, noted that the acute shortages of personnel to staff community social services and schools and the difficulties faced by small communities in providing their members with a full range of services, are among the main problems Jews still face in Europe.

Dr. Albert Vajs, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia, told the lay and professional leaders representing Jewish communities in 14 countries that without the will of the European Jewry to help themselves, American Jewish aid and the stimulus provided by the existence of the State of Israel would not have been sufficient. The Assembly is under the sponsorship of the Joint Distribution Committee.

# AGUDAH PARLEY URGES DISCREET ACTION ON SOVIET MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., Nov. 5, (JTA) -- Delegates to the 41st annual convention of the Agudath Israel of America criticized today "the highly publicized aggressive tactics that various Jewish organizations have adopted in recent months regarding the situation of the Jews in Soviet Russia."

The issue was considered at a special executive session at which a report was given by Dr. Isaac Lewin, United Nations representative of the ultra-Orthodox group. The delegates called on the Agudath Israel World Organization to continue working in this area in the "traditional discreet manner that such a delicate situation demands."

Another resolution called on all Orthodox organizations to lay aside ideological differences to cope unitedly with the latest religious tensions in Israel. The delegates elected a six-member presidium, consisting of Rabbis Moshe Feinstein, Mordecai S. Friedman, Moshe Horowitz, Zvi Eisenstadt, Leiser Levine and Benjamin W. Hendles. Rabbi Morris Sherer was re-elected executive vice-president.

# 4,000 MARCH IN VIENNA FOR MEMORIAL FOR VICTIMS OF NAZI REGIME

VIENNA, Nov. 5, (JTA) -- More than 4,000 Austrians, including many leading Austrian personalities took part today in a silent march from the former site of Gestapo headquarters to a memorial stone for the victims of the Nazi era.

After placing wreaths on the monument, speakers commemorated the burning of synagogues in Austria in 1938 and declared that the fight against anti-Semitism must be carried on without compromise.

Meanwhile, streets and bridges in various parts of Lower Austria were found smeared with swastikas today in the first instances of such vandalism in this country in more than a year. Police have so far been unable to apprehend the culprits.

# ISRAEL ENVOY TO ITALY RECEIVED BY POPE PAUL VI; VISIT IS PERSONAL

ROME, Nov. 5, (JTA) -- Maurice Fischer, Israel's Ambassador to Italy, was received by Pope Paul VI in a courtesy visit of a strictly personal character.

#### SECRETARY OF COMMERCE REPORTS ON RISE IN U.S. IMPORTS FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges said in an address here at the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry that Israel, a "rapidly industrializing country, is a significant market for American products, especially machinery and heavy equipment," aiding the American balance-of-payment difficulties.

He pointed out that these sales in turn allow America to import increasing amounts of Israeli goods. The total was \$41,200,000 in 1962, a 26 per cent increase over 1961, he said. He noted also that American visitors to Israel added \$23,000,000 to its earnings in 1962, \$1,000,000 more than in 1961.

"This valuable two-way trade is a direct result of American investment in Israel," Secretary Hodges stressed. "It is a perfect illustration of why our government has vigorous programs underway to encourage similar private investment in many developing nations." He said he was happy that government aid programs helped improve the Israeli economy but was "even happier that private investment has played a major role with current investments of around \$500,000,000 in Israel."

Mr. Hodges reported that in 1962 American exports to Israel totaled nearly \$175,000,000. That was an increase of almost 20 per cent over 1961. He said that American exports make up 33 per cent of Israel's imports. He noted that last year the U.S. trade mission to Israel, concerned with both imports and exports, resulted in 231 firms making some 400 contacts with Israeli enterprises. The mission brought back over 200 trade and investment opportunities.

#### NATION-WIDE OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH STARTS THIS WEEKEND

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- The 20th Anniversary of Jewish Book Month will be observed throughout the country from November 8 to December 8 under the nation-wide auspices of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Locally, Jewish Book Month will be marked by YM-YWHA and Jewish Community Centers, synagogues, libraries, and other institutions. Programs planned include book fairs, dramatizations, children's events, radio and television programs, lectures, forums, panel discussions, exhibits and book reviews.

The JWB Jewish Book Council has available a variety of program suggestions, plays, manuals, guides, book lists, posters and other materials to help organizations and groups in planning Jewish Book Month observance. Among these are a completely revised edition of "The Jewish Child in Bookland," a bibliography of Jewish juvenile books; a new edition of "Paperbound Books of Jewish Interest" by Diana Bernstein; "Bible Programs for Jewish Book Month" by Hannah Grad Goodman, and a poster, with the theme, "The Bible: Eternal Book."

#### BRANDEIS U. STARTS PLANS TO MATCH \$18,000,000 FORD FOUNDATION GRANT

WALTHAM, Mass., Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Four Boston Jewish philanthropists have launched Brandeis University's 15th anniversary patrons and sponsors program aimed at meeting the university's \$18,000,000 Ford Foundation grant goal by June 1964, officials announced today.

The university was given the grant conditional on matching it by the end of 1965. Brandeis officials hope that early achievement of the goal will make the university eligible for an additional Ford Foundation grant equal to the \$6,000,000 grant received last year on a three-to-one matching basis.

The program seeks to raise \$5,000,000 in cash by next June. First participants are Brandeis Trustees Joseph Ford and Teuben Gryzmish, who became 15th anniversary patrons by individual gifts of \$25,000, and Trustee Joseph Linsey and Rubin Epstein, a Fellow, who have given \$10,000 each, making them 15th anniversary sponsors.

#### \$50,000 GIFT ANNOUNCED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ORAL CLINIC IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Mrs. Manville S. Harris, wife of the late Dr. Manville S. Harris, a prominent Rochester dental surgeon, and his brother Dr. Harry Z. Harris, also of Rochester, have contributed \$50,000 to establish an oral surgery clinic in Israel's new dental school, it was announced today by Lionel R. Bauman, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

#### FRENCH ZIONIST GROUP JOINS WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- The World Confederation of General Zionists headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin has announced that the Union Sioniste de France, the largest Zionist body in France, has joined the World Confederation.