CJFJF HEAD CHALLENGES COMMUNITY TO REALIZE FULLEST 'JEWISH POTENTIAL'

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Nov. 6. (ITA) -- The American Jewish community was challenged here tonight to use to the fullest the unprecedented opportunities offered it by the American environment for the development of the 'Jewish potential' in this country.

Louis Stern, of Newark, N. J., president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, told the 1,200 delegates gathered here for the Council's 32nd annual General Assembly: "We are the largest, most politically secure, most advantaged community in the entire history of our people. Environmental obstacles and handicaps are relatively insignificant. Within the congenial framework of American democracy--itself so largely drawn from Jewish sources--we have full freedom to develop Jewishly without external hindrance. In terms of Jewish potential, this community is second to none. If we fail to exploit this potential, the causes will be our own lack of vision, creative imagination and energy. I, for one, am confident that we shall have that wisdom, creative imagination and energy."

Mr. Stern delivered his presidential address at the Assembly's opening session, as the representatives of 216 central Jewish community organizations in the United States and Canada started five days of deliberations, evaluations and examination of the tasks facing the American Jewish community for 1964, and the years ahead. The CJFJF president summarized the diagnoses and prognoses of the problems and issues confronting American Jewry at the present time, presented previously in a number of symposia to which 40 topmost professional, lay and religious Jewish leaders of the country had presented scholarly monographs running to a total of 170 pages. (For further reports on the symposia, see JTA supplement.)

Stern Sees 'Limitless Creative Era' Ahead; Notes Varying Views on Objectives

"American Jewish life," declared Mr. Stern, "is moving out of that historical phase whose fundamental concern was survival, and is entering a new, almost unprecedented, limitless creative era whose objective must be fulfillment sought through the services of Jewish religious ideals. Unless the American Jewish community moves to this new level, it will have neither the emotional dynamic nor the philosophic rationale for continued existence. What should such a philosophy be?"

"We can start with this as a definition: Judaism in theology, doctrine, custom, ritual and ceremony which specify and dramatize our ideals; it is equally social service, social justice and every humanitarian endeavor which is guided by these ideals."

"Our institutions will be synagogal, educational, cultural, social, philanthropic, economic, financial, medical and in what other form may be required to fulfill the Jewish objectives of the community. What should our objectives be?"

"There are varying views among us, each with shadings and nuances. For example, there is the position that only that which promotes and deepens Jewish consciousness and advances Jewish ideals and objectives is the proper business of the Jewish community."

Future of Agencies Linked with Leadership; Dual Responsibility Stressed

"A variation is: The future of the Jewish health and welfare agencies does not depend as much on the sources of the financing for its strength and survival, as it does on the identification of leadership with the historical stream of Jewish life and values."

"Still another view holds that: The organized Jewish community has a dual responsibility to provide a Jewish service with Jewish intent and content for a Jewish clientele, and to provide services to the general community. There is no basic contradiction in this concept, for, in many of our programs, services can be extended to the total community without impairing the general character of the services rendered to Jewish clients. It may well be, however, that the open-door policy will alter the character of some of our programs, such as community centers and child placement services."

"These are not always compatible statements, and choices must be made. In fact, for many years, our communities, each in its own way and at its own pace, have been in the process of making their own decisions. The process is far from complete. We will need in the future sharper, more clearly defined positions, unless we plan to base our operations on slogans and rationalizations after the fact."

"Lauding the 'breadth and the quality' of the numerous papers presented in the symposia, and declaring that 'individuality, they are often sharp and challenging,'" the CJFJF president
stated: "Collectively, they present both a panorama of the responsibilities with which we must deal and a set of guidelines for the solution in a somewhat different framework than the familiar questions we ordinarily face."

The submissions be emphasized, go far beyond the immediate problems of campaigns, leadership, budget, allocations and similar matters which are important and not to be under-estimated. But the papers, he held, raise "broader questions" which the Jewish community must answer now, questions such as "Where are we? Where are we going? What is the future that we must anticipate if we are to deal with it? What are our fundamental purposes?"

"Many of us have been," he continued, "in the process of planning new community centers, homes for the aged and hospitals, forced to assess the present and forecast the future. This has been an essential part of planning buildings with a life of 30 to 50 years. Have we been as thoughtful and planful with our new institutional programs? More important, have we applied the same questions and tests to the basic reasons for our existence as Jewish community organizations? And to the present and future nature of the Jewish community? It is this framework which makes these symposium papers significant."

KHRUSHCHEV 'EVA SIVE' ON USSR JEWS IN TALKS WITH GUY MOLLET

PARIS, Nov. 6, (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders, with whom a French Socialist delegation conferred throughout last week, were "both evasive and embarrassed" whenever questions were raised about the situation of the Soviet Jews by the visitors, French Socialist sources in Paris told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The Soviet leaders displayed the same responses to questions about Israel and the Middle East.

The delegation, led by former Premier Guy Mollet, conferred twice with Khrushchev and on several occasions with members of the USSR Communist Party's Central Committee. The problems of Soviet Jewry were raised during a marathon, nine-hour Khrushchev-Mollet session, and also during a delegation meeting with the Central Committee.

The Soviet Premier showed himself to be "abrupt" and "evasive," and reportedly told Mr. Mollet "all this is Western anti-Soviet propaganda." But he advised Mr. Mollet to raise the Jewish issue with "people more expert in this field," namely, certain members of the Central Committee. These, however, proved themselves to be just as evasive as the Premier, and managed to avoid discussion of details on the Soviet-Jewish problem presented by the visiting French Socialists.

The Soviet officials also did their utmost to avoid discussions of Soviet attitudes toward Israel. Mr. Mollet is scheduled to hold a press conference at Socialist Party headquarters here Friday, at which further details are anticipated.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY LEADER RAPS UNRWA, CRITICIZES U.N. OFFICIAL SHARPLY

LONDON, Nov. 6, (JTA) -- Richard Crossman, British Labor member of Parliament, asserted today that one of the first steps that should be taken to end the state of war between Israel and the Arabs would be to start bringing to an end the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees.

"The blunt fact," Mr. Crossman asserted in a talk over the BBC Hebrew Broadcast Service, was that UNRWA as an institution had become not merely a most powerful propaganda weapon against Israel, but a deeply rooted vested interest in the socio-economic life of the Arab countries adjacent to Israel. He said that impartial investigators had proved "without question" that the number of refugees had been deliberately inflated.

The Labor leader made his comments in a discussion of the final report by Dr. John H. Davis as UNRWA commissioner-general, to the current General Assembly of the United Nations earlier this week. Mr. Crossman declared that, by asserting there was no possibility of winding up relief work for the refugees unless the United Nations was prepared to impose physical starvation on the refugees, Dr. Davis had "thrown away his only ace." He held that, by that statement, Dr. Davis had also made it impossible for either the British or American representatives to play the only ace they had in dealing with the problem.

With the aid of money collected by the UN, mainly from Britain and the United States, and with the cooperation of UNRWA officials, Mr. Crossman asserted, the refugees have organized themselves into a "powerful privileged group" whose children enjoy better health services and far better education than any other group of Arab children in the Middle East.

Calls for full "Exposure of Agency's Operations by U.S.A. or Britain"

Asserting that the number of Arabs paid fulltime to run UNRWA was out of all proportion to the work they do, Mr. Crossman declared that UNRWA, which had originally been established as a short-term measure to alleviate the aftermath of war, had since become one of the major obstacles to settlement.

He declared there were today nearly 1,000,000 Arabs with a vested interest in the present state of the Israel-Arab cold war. In Jordan, he said, they formed a large
enough part of the total population to have an "absolutely decisive" voice in Jordan's politics.

The Labor leader called on either the United States or Britain individually or jointly to take the risk of permitting a frank, impartial exposure of the abuse to which their taxpayers' money was being put in UNRWA. He argued there was no use in introducing proposals for ending Israel-Arab tensions which Israel might conceivably accept, and which any Arab state could reasonably accept, if it were known in advance that the proposals would be rejected by those who control the refugees and who know that peace means the end of UNRWA."

Peace can come to the Middle East only if a time limit is set for the end of the agency and, when all details about UNRWA are ruthlessly exposed to the light of day, he added. Sooner or later, he declared, the "conspiracy of silence" must be broken, and the Englishman or American who succeeded in doing so would deserve well not only from the Israelis but also from his own people, who have a vital interest in creating the conditions for Middle East peace.

OWNERSHIP OF JTA TRANSFERRED TO AMERICAN JEWISH NEWS FOUNDATION, INC.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Nov. 6, (JTA) -- Ownership of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc., the worldwide Jewish news service, has passed to the American Jewish News Foundation, Inc., Eleazar Lipsky, president of JTA, announced here today.

Mr. Lipsky informed the large City Budgeting Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that all the stock in the news agency, which is a non-profit communal enterprise, had passed to the Foundation, completing a structural reorganization of the agency, commenced in 1960. Documents transferring ownership of the shares from the Jewish Agency to the Foundation were signed yesterday.

The Foundation was set up last month by the board of directors of JTA as a non-profit membership corporation, to serve as the instrument of the American Jewish community in the ownership of the news service.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is the only worldwide agency specializing in news and information concerning the Jewish people. Established in 1917, it has news bureaus and correspondents in most Jewish centers of the free world. It serves more than 300 newspapers and radio stations from news distribution bureaus in New York, London, Tel Aviv, Johannesburg, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and Lima.

ARGENTINE CHARGES SPAIN, IRELAND AND AUSTRALIA ARE CENTERS OF NEO-NAZISM

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 6, (JTA) -- Spain, Ireland and Austria constitute today "a strong triangle of the Nazi movement," an outstanding member of the Union Civica Radical del Pueblo, the Government party, declared here today.

The statement was made by Dr. Silvano Santander, a Union Civica leader, who represented the Argentine United Front Against Anti-Semitism at the recent Paris conference of the Union of Resistance and Deportation. He and the other Argentine representative to that parley, Dr. Samuel Dainer, of La Plata, just returned from Paris, Dr. Santander said that, lately, Nazis and neo-Nazis have changed their tactics and followed social conditions which Hitler had ignored. "But," he declared, "they maintain unaltered their anti-Semitic propaganda as the easiest means for channeling political frustrations."

GERMAN YOUTHS TO WORK IN ISRAEL IN 'ATONEMENT' FOR SINS OF ELDERS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6, (JTA) -- Thirty-six young West German artisans belonging to the "Beit Tel" organization arrived in Israel today to carry out the pledge of their leaders to atone with their own hands for the sins of their parents against the Jews of Europe.

The artisans will repair an abandoned village in Givot Zeid in the Western Jezreel Valley and convert it into a home for some 250 mentally retarded persons. The same group opened a convalescent home for victims of Nazi persecution four years ago at Natanya. Members of the organization have cared personally for the sick in that home. An Israeli organization for crippled and handicapped children is cooperating with the West German youths in developing the Givot Zeid project. The Rasco Construction Company also is participating.

BRITISH UNIONS TO INVEST $700,000 IN HISTADRUT ENTERPRISES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6, (JTA) -- British trade unions will invest 250,000 pounds sterling ($700,000) in Histadrut enterprises, mostly in housing and industry, Gideon Neeman, Histadrut representative in London, reported here today. He said the sum includes 60,000 pounds sterling ($165,000) which was pledged in Tel Aviv recently by a delegation from the British General and Municipal Workers Union.

U.S., AUTHORIZES SALE OF CORN TO ISRAEL UNDER 'FOOD FOR PEACE' PLAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, (JTA) -- The United States Department of Agriculture today announced a "Food for Peace" authorization to Israel, for purchase of 20,000 metric tons of yellow corn, worth $1,060,000.
VANDALS BREAK INTO YESHIVA, DESECRATE TORAH; POLICE HUNT 'CRAYZY KIDS'

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) — Police began a hunt today for three to four youngsters believed to have been responsible for a vandals attack on the Yeshivas ChSan Sofer, a school in Brooklyn operated by ultra-Orthodox Jews.

Caretaker Luis Corciano said that he found the words "Heil Hitler" written on a closet door, and the school's Torah scroll on the floor, its velvet cover soaked with peroxide and footprints visible on it. The back of the scroll was marred by two swastikas scratched in with a ballpoint pen. The vandals also stole $100 from the school office, and damaged religious books used by the 100 pupils of the yeshiva.

Police said the break-in took place last night and guessed that there were three or four youngsters involved. They could find no reason for the vandalism but suggested that the protest demonstration by ultra-Orthodox Jews from Brooklyn at the Israel Consulate in Manhattan Monday, which included swastika inscriptions on the Consulate building, might have "inspired some crayzy kids."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE GRANTS AWARDS TO TWO JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) — Even the deep south will eventually accept integration, an American Jewish Committee leader who, as an attorney, won a federal court injunction banning prosecution of civil rights workers in Americus, Georgia, asserted here tonight.

Morris B. Abram, chairman of the organization's executive board, made the prediction at the American Jewish Committee's first Herbert H. Lehman Relations Award dinner. Guests of honor were former Gov. and Mrs. Lehman; Mrs. Henry Kissinger, 39-year-old philanthropist, who received the award; and Robert S. Benjamin, chairman of the United States Committee for the United Nations, who received a special Committee award from Ambassador Adlai Stevenson.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE, BRITISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL ON INCREASE IN 1963

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6. (JTA) — A marked increase in immigration to Israel from North America and Britain is expected to be recorded during 1963, S.Z. Shragai, had of the Jewish Agency Immigration department, told the closing session of the Jewish Agency executive plenary here today. He said 2,000 immigrants were expected from North America, and 800 from Britain.

He reported that immigration from Argentina this year would reach a total of 5,300 persons, compared with 1,160 in 1962 and 550 in 1961. Seven hundred immigrants were expected this year from Hungary, and more than 300 from Chile. He said that most of these immigrants were young people and that 27 percent had expressed a desire to settle in a kibbutz. He also reported that 80 percent of the Argentine immigrants were native-born Argentinitans.

Aaron Zietling, the Agency's absorption department head, told the plenary that, while immigration was continuing at about the same high rate as that of last year, a relatively larger number of housing units was needed because the current immigration comprised more and smaller families.

GERMANY URGED TO MOVE FASTER ON LAWS TO AID MORE VICTIMS OF NAZISM

GENEVA, Nov. 6. (JTA) — Dr. Nahum Goldmann urged the new West German Government today to take action on long pending amendments to liberalize West German reparations and compensation to victims of the Nazi era. Speaking as president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Dr. Goldmann told the closing session of the fourth annual assembly of the European Jewish Community Services that the amendments had been pending since 1953.

Daniel Mayer, president of the League for the Rights of Man, stressed at the same session that the current relaxation of cold war tensions provided an "exceptional opportunity to act to implement United Nations positions on human rights. He referred to the fate of the Jews in Russia who are not permitted to rejoin members of their families abroad. He said that, to "bash up" violations of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, guaranteeing the right of all persons to leave their country, would be "cowardice."

JEWISH SCIENTIST AMONG THREE ELECTED NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATES IN PHYSICS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 6. (JTA) — Professor Eugene Paul Wigner, an American Jewish nuclear physicist, of Princeton University, was named one of three physicists to share the Nobel Prize in Physics for 1963. Another winner is Dr. Maria Goeppert Mayer of the University of California.

Professor Wigner, 61, was born in Germany. He came to Princeton in 1930 and became an American citizen seven years later. Dr. Mayer was born in Katowice, Poland, and became an American citizen in 1933. She is married to Dr. Joseph Mayer, professor of chemical physics at the University of California. The two Americans will share the $51,000 prize with Prez. Z. Hans D. Jensen, of the University of Heidelberg, Germany.