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AMERICAN JEWS FACE 'MOST CRITICAL PERIOD,' CJFWF WARNED BY IRVING RABB

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish federations, as major institutions of the Jewish community in philanthropy and community service, were told today that American Jewish life "is facing a new type of crisis" and that the coming decades will probably be among the most critical in the life of the American Jewish community.

This warning was expressed by Irving W. Rabb, a Boston Jewish leader and philanthropist, addressing the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, now holding its five-day session here.

Pointing out that the Jewish federations have hitherto searched new frontiers and faced problems and challenges, Mr. Rabb said it is now important to look into the future. He called for "imaginative, creative and vigorous" communal planning by the federations, in order to be able to give positive and constructive direction to the general changes affecting the very future of the Jewish community.

"The coming decades," Mr. Rabb said, "will probably be among the most critical in the life of the American Jewish community. The struggle for our Jewish identity in this land has, for the most part, been won. Anti-Semitism or the threat of it is no longer virulent enough to be a unified force. I cannot conceive of a repetition of the searing tragedy of the Hitler era. And, while we still exhilarate in the emotional upsurge of Israel's rebirth, we find ourselves thinking more and more in terms of economic and fiscal growth.

"We face a crisis of affluence. We face a crisis of indifference. We face a crisis of silence or only lip service to the ideals of our heritage. We must not be lulled into a false sense of security by what we see of our community life today. There is, fortunately, a substantial core of enlightened and dedicated leaders. In every community, there is a broad base of contributors. Our agencies are by and large strong. Is this not the time to read properly the trends of the future?"

Urges Serious Assessment of Communal 'Way of Life'

Emphasizing that the communities should be concerned about some of the current developments and their impact on the future of Jewish communal services, Mr. Rabb urged the leaders of the federations throughout the country to give "serious consideration" to where the Jewish community in this country is going and what the federation's role may be in helping to shape directions to meet this impact. "We must move," he said, "toward a realistic and constructive assessment of underlying forces and developments which are affecting fundamentally the structure, the support, the needs, the very way of life of our communal enterprise."

The Jewish federations, Mr. Rabb declared, seem to have reached a plateau in their annual campaigns. "But," he added, "we are well aware that, taking into account total contributions--annual gifts, endowments, capital fund gifts--the picture is quite different. All of us know that the total amount of philanthropic giving is on the increase. The sums contributed by our leadership to federations plus universities, plus synagogues, plus hospitals, plus centers, plus homes for the aged, plus institutions in Israel, are at an unprecedented height."

He estimated that, in his own community, in Boston, 300 persons--the very ones that form the backbone of federation support, who contributed \$2,500,000 to the Federation campaign last year--have commitments of one to three years to various Jewish institutions or Jewish-sponsored institutions in the amount of more than \$15,000,000. This is outside their pledges to non-Jewish institutions, he said.

Possible Changes in Allocation Procedures Foreseen; Research Emphasized

Pointing out that the federations are now confronted with a generation to ask questions, Mr. Rabb said that one of the problems which the federations will now face is the possible introduction of changes in the method of allocating funds. "There is a feeling, too often well founded, that our allocations are based too much on history, on vested interests, on influence, rather than on objective evaluation of needs and priorities," he declared. But the younger generation, he said, searches for answers based on facts.

"They have not been touched," he asserted, "by the living experience of our immigrant parents and grandparents. They have been spared the experience of personal hardships

and the inhumanity of the thirties and forties. Many even lack a strong sense of identification with aspirations that are Jewish. They may react to emotional appeals, but they increasingly insist on intellectual validation."

In order to gain greater understanding of the composition of the community, Mr. Rabb reported, the Boston Federation, as well as federations in other cities, have decided to undertake a research effort directed toward the total Jewish population. The goal of the projects is to establish who the Jews in the community are, where they are, how they participate in community life and why. Also why they do not participate, how they regard themselves as members of a community, how they regard the agencies affiliated with the federations, how the communities meet, and how they don't meet, these needs.

"We hope to gain some insight into the place and the meaning of the synagogues, the Jewish schools, the Jewish centers, the various rational movements in the life of our people, the forces that keep them close to Jewish life, and those which move them away from it," Mr. Rabb said. "We run serious risks along this road of inquiry. We may find revealed basic forces that lie beyond the solution of any of our programs of organizational matters. We may find that we have to face a higher rate of intermarriage--a situation with which we are powerless to cope with tools now at our disposal. We may find that we have not given enough Jewish intellectual and spiritual nourishment to a generation oriented to a world of science and a cult of materialism."

Mr. Rabb emphasized that it will take some time before these research projects are completed. He called for mobilization of federation leaders, rabbis, women's organizations, educators and professionals to help in these projects.

Significant Changes in Jewish Community Noted by Pittsburgh Executive

Robert I. Hiller, executive director of the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, addressing another session, dealt with the changes in the American Jewish community. He pointed out that the characteristics of the Jewish community of 1963 are vastly different from those of one or two decades ago. The significant characteristics today, he said, are that the Jewish community is becoming a college-educated, native-born and above-average income group.

He pointed to the fact that recent studies indicate that, in a decade or two, more than 85 per cent of the community will be native-born American; also that 70 per cent plus, will have attended college. "The Jewish community is now a highly acculturated group in the American society, and will become even more so," he said.

Speaking of the young generation of Jews in America today, he said they have less "Yiddishkeit" and some of them do not even know the meaning of the word. They may know about discrimination but possibly have not felt the physical "black eye" that went with it. This and other factors, he stressed, have removed the community a greater distance from the experience of "need" in its early social services connotation. The Jewish community today, and certainly that of the next decade, will have grown up with vastly different experiences than the communities of a generation or two ago, he declared.

"But human beings," he pointed out, "have needs, and our Jewish community's needs have changed and are changing rapidly. The concomitant to these is that the nature of our Jewish community services has changed, and will continue to change. Jewish communities today want better and more Jewish education, more cultural work to enhance Jewish identity. They want institutions that will give Jews and others the finest quality of service. The current challenge is to get across to our community the nature of our changing needs which are as compelling as those of the past, and the nature of our dynamic Federation," Mr. Hiller declared.

ISRAEL EMBASSY IN ROME DENIES INTERVENTION AT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ROME, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy in Rome issued a statement today denying that Israel had ever sent or planned to send a representative to the current Ecumenical Council.

The statement was issued to the Deutsche Pressagentur (DPA), a West German news service which recently carried a report dealing with plans of the Ecumenical Council to develop a statement on Catholic-Jewish relations. The DPA story had asserted that plans for such a statement were "rendered more difficult by the appearance of a representative of the Israel Government in the Vatican, who wanted to discuss the attitude of the Catholic Church towards the Jews."

The Embassy statement said flatly that the reported appearance was "totally untrue" and that the Government of Israel had never "sent, nor nominated, nor considered nominating a representative to the Vatican or to Rome whose task would have been to attempt to discuss the affairs of Council Vatican II. "We believe that the Ecumenical Council concerns itself with religious, i.e., theological and moral questions; and that the Council is not, nor could it be, influenced by factors outside the Catholic Church," the Israel Embassy said.

ISRAEL CABINET TO GET 'FEASIBLE' PLAN TO END JERUSALEM SABBATH RIOTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A Ministerial subcommittee studying a proposal for an alternate road from Jerusalem's Mandelbaum Gate to end Sabbath demonstrations by ultra-Orthodox zealots was reported today to have found the idea feasible. Its report will be presented to the next Cabinet meeting Sunday.

Meanwhile the anti-Israel demonstrations in New York and the swastika painting on the New York Israel Consulate building evoked sharp reactions in Israel, including Orthodox sections. A statement by the Klausenberg Rebbe, released earlier in New York, condemned the stone throwing and urged joint efforts by all religious Jewry through the fostering of immigration of Orthodox Jews to help build Israel and strengthen the religious consciousness of Israeli Jews.

Rabbi Josef Sheinberger, one of the Neturei Karta leaders here, said the swastikas were painted "by children without the knowledge of the Satmar Rebbe." He added, however, that Neturei Karta backed those who demonstrated in New York against the "desecration" of the Sabbath in Jerusalem.

Rabbinical Council Disassociates Itself from Anti Israel Demonstrations

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America today issued a statement disassociating itself from the demonstrations which took place earlier this week at the Israel Consulate here, when Hassidim protested against recent Sabbath incidents in Israel.

In the statement, Rabbi Abraham N. Avrutick, Council president, said that the organization regretted "that the demonstrators paraded under the Orthodox banner. As Orthodox leaders, we must state that the demonstrators are not representatives of American Orthodoxy."

ALLON SAYS ISRAEL IS READY TO REPEL ARAB ATTACKS, SEEKS NON-AGGRESSION

LONDON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- General Yigal Allon, Israel's Labor Minister, a hero of Israel's War of Liberation, said tonight that the Arab threat to attack Israel over the Galilee-Negev irrigation project "may be an empty threat but we are not taking chances and we are ready to meet it." The Labor Minister, who addressed the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association tonight, touched on several issues of Israeli security. Among other subjects, he elaborated on the frequently proposed offer by Israel to sign a non-aggression pact with its Arab neighbors.

Asserting that Israel did not abdicate its right to defend itself with its own weapons when necessary, he said that Israel wants peace with the Arabs, and has given proof of a sincere desire for peace on many occasions. He cited as an example the fact that Israel remained passive and refrained from mobilization during the frequent periods of Arab internal strife or inter-Arab conflicts.

However, he said, if a peace treaty with the Arabs was presently impossible, as seemed to be the case, than perhaps another approach might result in stability which would in fact be neither war nor peace--a non-aggression pact with or without United Nations participation. He insisted any such pacts would have to provide for arms inspection to insure against surprise attacks. He argued that the existing UN truce machinery could not provide such assurance, because it was operating only in the frontier attacks. Under modern conditions of war, the former military leader noted, major attacks do not originate in frontier areas.

The Labor Minister also warned the Iraqi against intervening in the Jordan River irrigation project. He said that the Iraqis "seem to think that, because they did not sign an armistice agreement" with Israel at the end of the 1948 war, "they are free to do what they like. They should remember they are playing with fire."

Peres Warns That Iraqis on Syrian Border Pose New Problems

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres warned here today that the presence of Iraqi units on Israel's border not only confronts Israel with a new security problem but also with a legal one since Iraq has no armistice agreement with Israel. Iraq and Syria recently announced unification of all their armed forces.

ISRAELI BORDER PATROL KILLS ARAB INFILTRATOR NEAR SYRIAN FRONTIER

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Army spokesman reported today that an armed infiltrator was killed last night in a clash with a border patrol in the upper Galilee, near the Syrian frontier. The spokesman said that three infiltrators were intercepted by the patrol and were challenged. The marauders opened fire to cover a retreat back to the border, and the fire was returned. The two survivors escaped across the border. Bloodstains were found, indicating that one of the two was wounded. A submachinegun, two hand grenades and ammunition magazines were found near the body of the dead infiltrator.

Israeli authorities lodged a complaint with the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. There was speculation here that the three were sent into Israel for espionage purposes. Last week, another group of infiltrators was captured in western Galilee.

B'NAI B'RITH PROTESTS IZVESTIA'S CALL FOR SHOW TRIAL OF SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today made public a letter to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin here, accusing the USSR of ignoring its own rules of jurisprudence in the recent call for a "show trial" of Jews accused of economic offenses. Label A. Katz, of New Orleans, president of B'nai B'rith, also protested to Mr. Dobrynin the "evident anti-Semitic quotient" in the show trial proposal, which appeared recently in Izvestia, the Soviet Government's official organ.

Citing a resolution adopted last March 18, at a plenum of the Soviet Supreme Court, which stated that "no one can be declared guilty of a crime and subject to criminal punishment in any other manner except by the courts, Mr. Katz asked: "How can a Soviet court render a just verdict when the official Government newspaper has already called for a circus atmosphere, and has pronounced the death sentence?"

Mr. Katz suggested that the Izvestia article could be regarded as "a veiled effort to intimidate those who seek to protest discriminatory practices against Soviet Jews." He said the listing of Jewish names in the Izvestia article was "unprecedented" for a Soviet publication as important as Izvestia. The consequence is "to encourage anti-Semitic stereotyping and a climate conducive to bigotry," he said. "The issue cannot be easily dismissed as 'malicious slander,'" Mr. Katz wrote. "There is neither malice toward nor slander of the Soviet Union in the earnest efforts of those who seek to encourage your Government to safeguard the full nationality rights of the Soviet Jewish community."

EDITOR OF SOVIET YIDDISH PERIODICAL DENOUNCED BY SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America cautioned the American Jewish community today "not to fall into the trap" of one of the "architects of the destruction of Judaism" in the Soviet Union--Aron Vergelis, editor of the Sovietish Heimland, a Yiddish bi-monthly published in Moscow. Vergelis is a member of a group of Soviet writers coming to the United States next week.

"Vergelis will, without doubt, in his appearance on the American scene, confront us with a barrage whitewashing Soviet anti-Jewish deeds by denying prevailing facts," Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the religious coordinating body, stated.

Declaring that Vergelis did not represent, "let alone speak," for Soviet Jews, Rabbi Miller said, that in 1948, Vergelis went to Birobidjan "to participate in the liquidation of the Jewish anti-fascist committee," as a member at that time, "of the Soviet secret police." Rabbi Miller also asserted that Vergelis "is considered among Jews of the Soviet Union as one of the most active collaborators in the liquidation of Jewish religious and cultural institutions during the Stalin era."

KASTNER ASSASSINS RELEASED IN ISRAEL AFTER COMMUTATION BY SHAZAR

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Yosef Menkes, 45, and Zeev Eckstein, 30, convicted assassins of Dr. Rudolf Kastner, one-time leader of the Hungarian Jews during the Nazi era, were released from prison yesterday after six-and-a-half-years.

They were sentenced in 1958 to terms of life imprisonment, but their sentences were commuted by President Shazar as one of his first acts in office. Dr. Kastner was killed on March 3, 1957, as he returned to his home from his work as night editor of a local Hungarian-language daily. He had been the subject of a widespread two-year public debate in Israel on the issue of whether he had collaborated with the Nazis when he arranged for the emigration of more than 600 Jews from Nazi-occupied Hungary. In January 1958, the Israel Supreme Court exonerated him posthumously of the charges.

Menkes told newsmen that he would demand a reopening of the case, contending that he was innocent, and that he was "framed" by a "group of traitors." The court which convicted him found that he had been the planner of the slaying.

BANK LEUMI SETS \$1.22 PRICE ON SHARES OFFERED PRESENT STOCKHOLDERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Bank Leumi le-Israel, Israel's largest bank, today set a subscription price of \$1.22 a share on its previously announced rights offering to present stockholders.

The offering totals 1,793,750 voting shares and 5,147,000 non-voting "A" shares. Under terms of the offering, stockholders can buy one new share for each two shares of the corresponding stock held of record on November 7. Subscriptions rights will expire November 25.

The offering is being underwritten in the United States by a group managed by Kuhn, Loeb and Company and by securities firms in Europe and Israel.

ESHKOL PROMISES JABOTINSKY REMAINS WILL BE BROUGHT TO ISRAEL SOON

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol today promised a delegation of the Herut party that the remains of the late Revisionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky would be brought to Israel for reinterment with the Government's consent in the next six months.

ISRAEL TELLS U.N. IT WANTS REGIONAL DISARMAMENT; READY TO TALK TO ARABS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Israel today told the United Nations that it wants regional disarmament, "particularly in areas of strong international tensions," and that it is ready to negotiate such an agreement as soon as it receives "a positive response" to its request.

The request was voiced before the General Assembly's Political and Security Committee by Gideon Rafael, deputy director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, who represents his government in that 111-member body. He made his statement while debating a 46-power resolution calling for general and complete disarmament. On behalf of Israel, he pledged his delegation's endorsement of that draft.

While the request for regional disarmament is pending, said Mr. Rafael, "we feel duty bound to reiterate our grave concern for the consequences of a spiraling regional arms race. The purpose of lowering the levels of armaments is hardly served by shipping to areas of endemic tension arms which may be obsolete in the country which despatches them but constitute most valuable and dangerous innovations for the arsenals of the recipient. This kind of disarmament has a double disadvantage. It does not reduce the power level of the country that disposed of these armaments, while it increases the level and menace of armaments in the area into which they are dumped."

In the spirit of the relaxation of some cold war tensions here, Mr. Rafael did not mention any of the Arab states at whom Israel's request for regional disarmament was directed. Nor did he mention the Soviet bloc, which is continuing to furnish heavy armaments to Egypt and other Arab states massing weapons for war against Israel. But his meaning was utterly clear to all diplomats at the session. All knew that the reference was to the Arab-Israeli tensions.

Warns that Local Conflict Could Involve Major Powers

"The major conflicts are not the only ones besetting the international scene," Mr. Rafael said. "In various parts of the world, there are disputes between neighbors, unresolved problems, lack of peaceful relations, fears of aggression and competitive disarmament. None of us can feel certain that local conflicts anywhere will not spread or bring the involvement of the major powers. We have a duty, therefore, to practice what we say to the larger countries. It is up to us to enlarge the areas of peace, tranquility and international amity by dedicating ourselves to the mitigation of local tensions, to the halting of local arms build-up, and to the solution through direct and patient negotiations of any conflict in which the smaller nations may be involved."

"We, therefore, believe, that the first step to strengthen the peace-keeping institutions should be a renewed pledge by all member-states of the United Nations to settle their disputes by peaceful means, and to conduct their policies in conformity with their obligations under the United Nations Charter." In this connection, he urged also that a special group be set up to examine the existing UN peace-keeping institutions, to see whether this machinery could be revitalized and which parts need to be retained or modernized.

SHUKAIRY SPEECH GETS U.S. CIRCULATION AFTER ARABS HECKLE MICHAEL COMAY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 7. (JTA) -- After a brief but very hot exchange between Israel and a group of Arab representatives in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee today, the group's chairman, Mihail Haseganu, of Rumania, ruled that a violently anti-Israel speech made this week by Ahmed Shukairy will be distributed as a committee document.

Shukairy, the most volatile of the Arab spokesmen here for 12 years, delivered an address lasting more than two hours, saying he represented the "Palestine Arab Delegation," a group of 18 Arabs with no official delegation accreditation here. Today, Dey Ould Sidi Baba, of Morocco, requested that the speech be circulated as a document as the view of "the chairman of the Palestine delegation."

After a series of interventions by Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, who was being heckled by Salah El Dine Tarazi, of Syria, the Israeli withdrew his objections to a formal vote on the Moroccan proposal, and Mr. Haseganu ruled in favor of the Moroccan request. Mr. Comay concluded the exchange by reminding the committee that Mr. Shukairy spoke as an individual, and that the circulation of his speech as an official document "in no way alters his capacity."

The committee is currently discussing the Arab refugee question, with emphasis on the operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, UNRWA is the UN arm for relief of the refugees, and 70 per cent of its budget is contributed by the United States.

The Syrian and Yemenite delegates in the committee today voiced the customary anti-Israeli attacks, insisting that the refugee question must be settled not between Israel and the Arab states but with the "Palestine people" whom Shukairy claims to represent. They also voiced high praise of Dr. John H. Davis, UNRWA's outgoing chief, who, earlier this week, made a long speech despairing of Arab-Israeli peace because, he said, the "Arab nations and Arab people want only the elimination of Israel as an entity in the Middle East."

SIXTEEN JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WIN C.J.F.W.F. AWARDS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Nov. 7, (JTA) --Sixteen central Jewish community organizations were named today as winners of different phases of the annual public relations contest sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced by Jack H. Mogulescu, chairman of the Council's community publicity services committee. Mr. Mogulescu commended the federations for the high caliber and diversity of their public relations programs.

"At the suggestion of the panel of judges," he said, "the Council will distribute sample copies of the prize-winning materials to help its member communities in the United States and Canada raise their standards and enrich their publicity and interpretation programs."

The winning communities received citations of merit for the production of outstanding campaign and year-round interpretation materials, during the Council's 32nd General Assembly here. This year's winners of the CJFWF public relations contest received four special awards.

A special citation for the most exceptional program went to the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore for a public relations survey and the implementation of its recommendations. Other special awards went to: the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland for its slide film, "The Adventures of Debby and Danny Dollar"; to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, for its TV program, "The Stars Salute"; and to the Jewish Federation of Chicago for the radio series, "Cavalcade of Freedom."

In addition, citations were presented to: the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Atlantic County, the Jewish Welfare Federation of Des Moines, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cincinnati, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth. Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore, Jewish Welfare Federation of Dallas, Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois, Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia and Jewish Community Council of Richmond. The Jewish Federation of Camden County and the Jewish Federation of Hartford received honorable mention for their annual reports.

The Council's panel of judges was composed of three eminent communications practitioners who have served as Jewish communal leaders for many years. They included: panel chairman Isidor Schifrin, a vice-president of the Schindler-Howard Advertising Agency in Cincinnati; Isadore Goldberg, head of the Goldberg Advertising Agency in Wilkes-Barre; and David Wermen, president of the Philadelphia advertising agency, Wermen & Schorr, Inc.

CANADIAN APPEAL COURT VALIDATES JEWISH DIVORCE OBTAINED IN DP CAMP

TORONTO, Nov. 7, (JTA) -- The Ontario Court of Appeals ruled today that a Jewish religious divorce obtained in a postwar DP camp in Italy was valid for Canadian residents. The effect of the ruling, in which the court reversed its Chief Justice, J.C. McRuer, was to declare that Hava Ungar of Toronto was still married to Abram Schwebel, her second husband.

Schwebel married the woman after she received a "get" from Joseph Waktor. However, Waktor applied to have the marriage to Schwebel annulled on grounds that such divorces were not recognized in Canada. Waktor was upheld several months ago in the ruling by Chief Justice McRuer. The Appeals Court, in reversing that judgment, held that, since Waktor and the woman were en route to Israel while in the DP camp, their place of domicile was Israel, and Israeli divorces are recognized in Canada.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAYS BONN CANNOT HALT ROCKET EXPERTS HELPING NASSER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7, (JTA) -- West German Ambassador Heinrich Kneppstein today told leaders of the Jewish War Veterans that his government deplored the continued presence of German military rocket scientists in Egypt, but was unable to take effective steps against them because of civil liberties considerations.

JWV national commander Daniel Neal Heller, leading a veterans' delegation to the German Embassy, drew attention to legislation pending before the West German Parliament to punish German citizens who refuse to cease irresponsible activities in Egypt. Ambassador Kneppstein said that even if the bill were passed, the West German Supreme Court would rule it unconstitutional. He said that West Germany was so liberal in its democracy that it could not control the decision of German citizens to build weapons for President Nasser.

Mr. Heller later made known that he would pursue the question further. He said he has heard reports that Bonn is licensing the shipment of strategic military materials to the Nasser regime. He said he was not convinced West Germany could not do more to curb German involvement with Nasser's aggressive preparations. Mr. Heller was accompanied to the German Embassy by Joseph F. Barr, JWV national executive director, and Warren Adler, director of public relations for the JWV.