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CJFWF MISSION REPORTS ON VAST RANGE OF NEEDS IN ISRAEL AND EUROPE

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- A vast range of needs still faces Israel and European Jewry despite significant progress, the Overseas Delegation of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reported today in a preliminary review of the situation studied by the delegation during a three-and-a-half-week period, in the course of which the CJFWF study mission held intensive discussions with high-ranking Israel and European Jewish leaders.

The meetings -- which were held in London, Paris, Vienna and Israel -- also reviewed basic responsibilities that American Jews share with their co-religionists in satisfying the needs of homeless, economically and culturally deprived Jews. The report was issued by Louis Stern of Newark, CJFWF president.

In Israel, Mr. Stern declared, the delegation was greatly impressed with the outstanding job being done in handling the continuing large flow of immigrants. Great progress has been made in integration, but serious problems remain for thousands of families still on relief, he added. "We discussed with the Jewish Agency and the Welfare Ministry the specific steps being taken to effect a large-scale change to overcome this situation, and believe that this is an area where American know-how can be particularly helpful," he said.

Lauding the Malben program of the Joint Distribution Committee for "setting a pattern of effective American Jewish aid," he cited its pioneering advances in health and welfare, including the setting of standards, development of professional skills, demonstration of new methods, and strengthening of governmental and voluntary services and cooperation. He warned, however, that the end of German Material Claims funds in 1965 is endangering the continuation of some of these programs, though the needs remain urgent.

The delegation was heartened, Mr. Stern said, by the report that 100 agricultural settlements will become self-supporting this year and will no longer need assistance from the Jewish Agency. Reporting that this was "the first real breakthrough of this kind since 1948," he noted nevertheless that several hundred other settlements still require aid and that the delegation discussed with Agency officials plans and measures to make them viable.

Israel's housing problems, according to Mr. Stern, remain very visible. Hundreds of thousands of homes have been built and the Ma'abarot temporary housing virtually eliminated, but housing construction is not keeping pace with the needs. There is overcrowding even in new apartments. The delegation sessions with government officials involved discussions of the role of government, bonds, private investment and philanthropy in overcoming the housing problem.

Responsibilities Appraised; U.S. Jewish-Israel Relations Discussed

The delegation was especially concerned with the critical educational needs facing the nation -- particularly for children from Asian and African countries whose education lags behind the rest of the population. A good deal of progress has been made in this area, Mr. Stern said. But, he added, there are manifest gaps in teacher-training, in scholarship programs, in the construction of high schools, in pre-school facilities, in the development of youth centers for after work and evening study, and in adult education.

Mr. Stern additionally reported that the delegation's appraisal of philanthropic responsibilities included: 1. Methods of implementing recommendations of the recently completed study of voluntary fund raising in Israel conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Agency in cooperation with the Council; 2. an evaluation of promising changes now under way in services to dependent youth; 3. the possibilities of providing additional American technical aid to help train needed professional personnel for essential programs, and 4. an analysis of the overall problem of financing -- including the Jewish Agency's debt, its various sources of income, and potentialities for the future.

Significantly, Mr. Stern added, the delegation found a considerable disposition among the Israelis to go beyond the discussion of specific responsibilities to a consideration

of the future of American Jewish-Israel relations and the quality and character of Jewish life in their country and ours; So important was this question to all concerned that it cropped up in many sessions:

Conferences Held with Jewish Community Leaders of European Lands

In London, the CJFWF delegation conferred with representatives of four major British Jewish agencies -- Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, the Combined Palestine Appeal, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the British Board of Deputies -- on such areas of mutual concern as: Jewish community organization, improved fund raising, volunteer and professional development, services to youth and the aged, Jewish education, and other responsibilities which American and English Jews share.

In Paris, Baron Guy de Rothschild, president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the French Jewish Federation, tendered a reception for the delegation at his home; There and in other sessions, the delegation met with officers of the FSJU and other French Jewish leaders to appraise the progress made in dealing with the immigrants from North Africa who have poured into France the past two years, assess the problems that remain and consider what must be done to overcome them;

In another series of meetings, the delegation met with representatives of Jewish communities in Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, Belgium and Sweden who had come to Paris to evaluate with them the work of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services, an organization roughly analogous to the CJFWF, which the JDC helped establish;

In Vienna, Mr. Stern said, the delegates saw for themselves the operations of these agencies in action; The delegation, which left New York on June 29, was led by Mr. Stern and Irving Kane of Cleveland, a past president of the Council and current chairman of the Council's Overseas Services Committee;

WORLD COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION ESTABLISHED AT GENEVA PARLEY

GENEVA, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- A 50-member World Council on Jewish Education was formally established at a world conference on Jewish education here today to deal on a global scale with the "critical shortages" in Jewish education;

The formal action was taken after a sharp and lengthy debate over the site for the Council's headquarters was resolved by a compromise decision providing for interim offices in New York for administration and financing and in Jerusalem for educational research; The principal headquarters will be determined at a meeting next year at which time the Council will elect its officers;

The Council will operate as a coordinating research body to maintain closer educational contacts among Jewish communities throughout the world, assist them in improving their educational facilities and help establish those facilities in countries where they do not exist; It will concentrate on ways of overcoming the lack of qualified teachers -- a shortage regarded as the central problem in Jewish education -- and on providing adequate textbooks and other pedagogic materials;

The nature of the problem was pointed up in studies reported here which indicate that only 40 per cent of Jewish youth in countries outside of Israel are now attending some form of organized Jewish education; This, in the main, was not attributed to disinterest by or assimilationist trends among Jewish youth but to a teacher and classroom shortage that has worsened in recent years with a rise of the Jewish youth population;

U. S. Jewry Has Largest Representation on the Council

The Council itself will be divided into five geographical regions "responsive to educational callings" in their respective areas: The American Jewish community with 12 delegates will have the largest representation on the Council. Israel will have eight, Europe six (two of whom will be from Great Britain), Latin America five and "other countries" four; The latter subdivision includes one representative each from Canada, South Africa, Australia and Iran;

Fifteen members at large will be elected by the Council's executive committee. This will enable the Council to coopt educational specialists and to correct any ideological or geographic imbalances in the makeup of the Council;

It is expected that the Council will establish a World Bureau of Jewish Education to conduct its research activities and to serve as an informational clearing house on educational materials; The Council will operate in five major areas: educational personnel, educational material, youth and adult education, day schools and other forms of "intensive education" and research and publications. The non-ideological character of the Council was stressed at the conference by Dr. Nahum Goldmann;

SENATE COMMITTEE TO START HEARINGS ON SITUATION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will open hearings on August 10 on Senate resolution 204, co-sponsored by 63 senators, providing for a condemnation of Soviet anti-Semitism; Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, original sponsor of the measure, will testify before the committee;

Adoption of the resolution is supported by the American Conference on Soviet Jewry, representing 24 organizations and the major portion of American Jewry. If the resolution is approved by the committee, it will go to the full Senate for final action. Sen. Ribicoff will also testify before the platform committee of the forthcoming Democratic National Convention in support of a strong plank against Soviet anti-Semitism; The hearings will be held in Washington prior to the convention, which will be held this month.

FRENCH POLICE DISCOVER SECRET NEO-NAZI ORGANIZATION; ARRESTS MADE

PARIS, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- French police uncovered today a secret French neo-Nazi organization of more than 100 active members throughout the country. Nine adults and 13 minors have been arrested and charged with plotting against "the security of the state."

Acting on orders from the State Security Court, police officers swooped down on cells of the movement in Paris, Marseilles, Lyons and other centers. They seized anti-Jewish and anti-Negro propaganda material, as well as Nazi emblems, pictures of Hitler and explosives.

Police officials indicated that they believed that the French organization was part of the World Union of National Socialists, and that it was also in close contact with Colin Jordan's British National Socialist party. Police sources said that a number of foreigners residing in France, particularly of "Anglo-Saxon origin," were believed implicated and would soon be expelled from France.

French security agents have been watching the neo-Nazis for more than six months. They obtained their first definite lead in a riot provoked earlier this year by Nazi elements who stormed a Paris cinema where Socialist students were holding a meeting. After the riot, Patrick Lemaire, identified as head of a right-wing organization, was arrested. Documents found in his home led the police to the 13 minors, all residents of Reims.

Among those arrested was Yves Janes, 41, believed to be the "fuehrer" of the French neo-Nazis. Police found in Jane's home Nazi uniforms, emblems, pictures and secret documents. The confiscated files seemed to indicate that the organization's only "political ideology" was rabid racism, anti-Jewish and anti-Negro. The organization was planning a number of "intimidation operations" against businesses owned by Jews and Negroes in France.

Police said that Jane was a former French volunteer in the wartime "Waffen SS" of Nazi Germany, and a long-standing member of Nazi secret organizations which operated in Algeria when it was a French colony. Another suspect was Claude Carrier, 31, an engineer, who visited Britain on a number of occasions to confer with Colin Jordan, police said.

ANTI-SEMITIC YOUTHS DEMONSTRATE IN BUENOS AIRES; BURN ISRAEL FLAG

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- A group of about 50 youths today staged a demonstration in one of the main intersections of the city where they soaked an Israel flag in gasoline and burned it while distributing leaflets denouncing "International Zionism." The leaflets were signed by the "Nationalist Revolutionary Front." Police here said that no arrests were made.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA ADDRESSES DEDICATION OF RABBINICAL SEMINARY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Argentine Vice-President Carlos H. Perette, speaking at the dedication of the new Rabbinical Seminary, first institution of its kind in Latin America, affirmed here yesterday that the Government is opposed to anti-Semitism as an attitude that is "not Argentinian." "There cannot be a return to Nazi totalitarianism and racial hate," he said; "Hate and intolerance should be banned through the joint action of Argentinians and foreigners."

The Vice-President was among other high Government and Catholic officials who joined Jewish leaders from this country and Jewish delegations from other lands in the dedication of the Seminary, formed with the help of the Conservative movement; President Arturo Illia was represented by his brother, Ricardo Illia; Msgr. Ernest Seugra represented the archbishop of Argentina, Antonio Cardinal Caggiano. Rabbi Marshall Meyer, head of the Seminary, said that 23 students are enrolled now. Other countries represented by Jewish delegations were the United States, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Uruguay and Mexico.

BLACK AND WHITE JEWS HOLD ALL-DAY OUTING IN NEW JERSEY HECHALUTZ FARM

HEIGHTSTOWN, N.J., Aug. 3 (JTA) -- More than 100 members of Zaad Rishon, an organization devoted to integrating the black Jews of the New York area into the mainstream of Jewish life, attended an all-day outing sponsored by the organization at the Hechalutz Farm here yesterday.

Several members of Zaad Rishon ("The First Step") are second and third generation black Jews who have attended Hebrew day schools and institutions of higher education in the white Jewish community. Many of the younger children attend white Jewish religious schools. Also included among the membership are the spiritual leaders of more than 12 black Jewish congregations in the New York area.

The organization engages in a varied program of cultural and spiritual activities aimed at creating a deeper understanding between white and black Jews. In addition to bringing black Jews closer to world Jewish problems and Zionism, Zaad Rishon is active in civil rights as a bridge to better relations between the white and Negro citizens of the country through Jewish ethics and morals.

BRAZILIAN DELEGATION AT U.N. TO FIGHT AGAINST RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

SAO PAULO, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- The Brazilian delegation at the next United Nations General Assembly will again be given instructions to join in any fight against racial and religious persecution, it was revealed here today.

The Government's intention was disclosed in a letter from Foreign Minister Vasco Leitao da Cunha in reply to a letter to President Castello Branco from Helio Dejtiar, a Sao Paulo city councilman. The city official had asked that the Brazilian mission at the United Nations protest against the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union.

In his reply, the Foreign Minister said that "the tradition of Brazil as a country repudiating and condemning any and all persecution for racial and religious reasons" was a long-standing one. He added that "Brazil had the opportunity to make clear its position by holding that the Jews, after their cruel extermination by the Nazis, had gained the right to their own soil" in the struggle for Jewish statehood.

The letter cited other actions taken by the Brazilian Government and noted that, in connection with the revival a few years ago of widespread anti-Semitic incidents, it had voted for the UN resolution at the 15th General Assembly, condemning all manifestations of racial and religious persecutions violating the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The Foreign Minister then added "instructions will be given to the Brazilian delegation for the next General Assembly."

PROF. SABIN, AMERICAN JEWISH SCIENTIST, HONORED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Professor Albert Sabin, the American developer of live virus vaccine against polio, was today awarded an honorary doctorate by the Hebrew University. In his address at the ceremonies, Dr. Sabin stressed Israel's role as a pilot plant for the world's developing countries.

Eliahu Elath, president of the university, noted Dr. Sabin's assistance in organizing the university's medical school virology department, now under construction, which will be named for Ted Chanock, of Los Angeles.

RUFUS LEARSI, NOTED JEWISH EDUCATOR, AUTHOR, JOURNALIST, DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Israel Goldberg, prominent American-Jewish educator, author and journalist, known under the pen name of Rufus Lears, who died this weekend, aged 76.

Born near Bialystok, Russia, he was brought to this country by his parents when he was a child. He was educated in the New York public schools and received his degree from City College. After teaching history and foreign languages in the city high schools, he turned to writing. Among his most prominent works were "Fulfillment, the Epic Story of Zionism," "Israel: A History of the Jewish People," "The History of the Jews in America," and a number of children's books. He worked with both the Jewish Education Association and the Jewish Education Committee, founded and edited "World Over," and was editor, among other publications, of the Zionist Quarterly and the Jewish Forum. He was the co-author, with Dr. Samson Benderly, of the three-volume "Outline of Jewish Knowledge."

One of his most prominent contributions was the authorship of the prayer to the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto which has entered the Jewish liturgy. The prayer is now recited in Jewish homes each year as part of the Seder on Passover.