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2,000 ATTEND U. J. A. CONFERENCE; J. D. C. PRESENTS \$28,653,500 BUDGET FOR 1965

NEW YORK, Dec. 10: (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will require \$28,653,500 in 1965, to meet minimum needs of an estimated 465,000 refugee or distressed Jews in 30 countries, it was reported here today at the opening session of the four-day Annual National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal. The Conference is being attended by more than 2,000 key Jewish leaders from communities throughout the country.

Today's sessions were devoted entirely to a special observance of JDC's 50th anniversary and to the presentation of JDC's budgetary requirements for its global aid programs in the year ahead. Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, addressing the opening session, told the UJA delegates that increasing distress among Jews in many areas abroad, combined with the termination of German reparation funds, will create "a dangerous gap" next year in the JDC aid programs.

At the same time, Mr. Leavitt pointed out, the JDC in 1965, will no longer receive grants from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. These grants, averaging \$7,000,000 annually over the past 11 years, helped maintain welfare, rehabilitation, cultural and religious programs benefiting surviving victims of Nazi persecutions. "The loss will create a dangerous gap between the funds available and the human needs to be met," Mr. Leavitt declared.

Jack D. Weiler of New York, a National Chairman of the UJA, opened the ceremonies inaugurating nationwide observances of the JDC's 50th anniversary. He traced the JDC's development from its limited initial objective of providing aid to the sorely pressed Jews of Palestine at the beginning of World War I, to its present global operations. He declared:

"JDC's most heroic achievements came during the years of our greatest sorrow and tragedy -- the years of the Hitler holocaust and the carnage of World War II. These were the years of the DP era when we helped in the rescue, resettlement and rehabilitation of more than a half-million Jews who miraculously survived Hitler's death camps. These were also the years which brought the promise of a brighter future, thanks to the birth of Israel."

Other major speakers were Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC who also serves as a UJA honorary chairman; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the Development Corporation for Israel, former Overseas director-general of the JDC, and chairman of the JDC 50th Anniversary Committee; and Charles H. Jordan, director-general of JDC Overseas Operations.

Warburg Reelected JDC Chairman; Says JDC Aided 4,000,000 Jews

Mr. Warburg, who was reelected as JDC chairman for the next year, paid tribute to the "extraordinary generation of American Jews who came together in 1914 to create the Joint Distribution Committee as a lifeline to needy Jews in other lands, as well as those who followed them."

"In this half-century," he said, "JDC has expended some \$810,000,000 to aid more than 4,000,000 Jews in 80 countries. It has been instrumental in resettling nearly half a million refugees in Israel and additional scores of thousands in other lands of freedom. A major part of this humanitarian record was achieved in the last 26 years -- since the United Jewish Appeal was established in 1939 with the JDC as a constituent agency."

"There are many yardsticks," Mr. Warburg said, "by which this aid can be measured -- the amount of money spent, the gigantic total of supplies shipped, the number of men, women and children who were given medical aid, the hundreds of thousands who were helped to emigrate, or to the tens of thousands who were aided to become self-supporting. But there are other, less exact yardsticks. Who knows for certain how many live today because of JDC aid, who might otherwise have perished? These uncountable lives are the true measure of what the American Jewish community has accomplished through JDC."

Dr. Schwartz noted that "in the entire known history of man no other half century has produced so many earth-shaking events," and pointed out that the JDC has been "a highly

sensitive seismograph" of Jewish destiny and need; "On the anvil of history," he said, "the simple philanthropic organization known as JDC was hammered into a complete and powerful instrument of survival and rebirth for the Jewish people. For 50 years it has remained an organization not motivated by ideological considerations, but concerned with practical, day-to-day problems of helping people and saving human life. We are non-partisan in all matters except saving our fellow Jews."

Mr. Jordan reported that 300,000 Jewish refugees were in flight over the past three years; "This has not appreciably lessened problems in the lands they left," he stressed; "In fact, the exodus has created additional problems; It has intensified problems in Israel, which has taken in the bulk of the refugees, and has produced new problems in other countries of refuge, particularly in France;" Mr. Jordan noted that successive waves of immigration starting in 1956 have "exploded" France's Jewish population from 300,000 to more than 500,000 at present;

Data on JDC Aid in Europe and Israel Presented at Conference

Herbert Katzki, JDC assistant director-general, reported that JDC programs are aiding a monthly average of 90,000 needy Jews in Europe, nearly 55,000 of them in France; "The local Jewish welfare agencies in France cannot cope with this huge relief problem alone," Mr. Katzki declared, "but must rely heavily on JDC assistance;"

Theodore D. Feder, JDC director for Israel, reported that JDC was operating special care programs for more than 51,000 aged, chronically ill or handicapped among Israel's immigrants; An additional 20,000 newcomers are helped through JDC cultural and religious programs and 19,000 in the JDC-supported ORT vocational classes; He said the number of aged and handicapped among Israel's immigrants has risen from about seven per cent in 1963 to 13 per cent in 1964, placing increasing pressures on JDC's budget;

Other JDC officials who reported to the session were Samuel L. Haber, assistant executive vice-chairman; Sidney Engel, director for Iran; Abe Loskove, director for Morocco, and Henry Levy, director for Latin America; Panel discussions were led by Philip Soskis, executive director of the New York Association for New Americans; Max Braude, director-general of the World ORT Union; and James P. Rice, executive director of the United Hias Service;

Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, participated in the JDC observances; An octogenarian, he was a representative of the People's Relief Committee to JDC during World War I; The other founding agencies were represented by Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the American Jewish Committee, and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, for the Orthodox groups;

Satinsky Lauds JDC Founders; Speaks of the New Generation

Sol Satinsky, chairman of the National Council of the JDC, addressing the luncheon session, told the delegates that "it was an extraordinary generation of American Jews who came together in 1914 to answer a cry for help" and to establish the JDC as "an instrument of mercy and a lifeline to the needy of other lands;"

"Now," Mr. Satinsky pointed out, "comes a newer generation, without our memories, or with these memories greatly diffused; A newer generation, the products of another way of life, another world; A newer generation, to whom we must increasingly entrust our responsibility for those in need, for those still in need;" He called for the preparation of this new generation;

Max H. Fisher to Become General Chairman of UJA; Is Honored

Max M. Fisher of Detroit, who will be the incoming General Chairman of the National United Jewish Appeal, was honored this evening at a dinner here attended by 125 of his friends and associates, including Michigan's Governor George Romney; Governor Romney flew in from Lansing to participate in the gathering;

The dinner, on the eve of Mr. Fisher's becoming General Chairman of the UJA, succeeding Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, took place in the Hilton Hotel, where the United Jewish Appeal today held the opening session of its National Conference; Mr. Fisher will assume his new post on Sunday, December 13th, at the closing session of the conference;

With the election, Mr. Fisher will hold two of the top humanitarian posts in the United States; The UJA has raised more than a billion and a half dollars in its 26 years and aided more than three million Jews in need throughout the world; At the same time, Mr. Fisher is currently president of the non-sectarian United Foundation of Detroit, the country's largest community chest which in its 1964 campaign raised \$23,500,000; Tonight's dinner was given by the Jewish welfare Federation of Detroit, of which Mr. Fisher is chairman of the executive committee and a former president;

ESHKOL SAYS HE WILL REJECT BEN-GURION'S DEMAND ON THE LAVON ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- The crisis within Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai Party over the 10-year-old Pinhas Lavon controversy deepened today, when the Premier told the Parliamentary faction of his party that he intended to reject former Premier David Ben-Gurion's demand for a new inquiry into the issue.

The meeting, which lasted nine hours, was the forum for divergent views proposed in an effort to avert a head-on collision between the Premier and the former Premier; Mr. Ben-Gurion revived the controversy with a request to Justice Minister Dov Joseph for a new investigation into the circumstances surrounding a still unexplained disastrous security mishap in 1954 which led to Mr. Lavon's ouster as Defense Minister.

One compromise proposal voiced at the long meeting was for an agreement to meet Mr. Ben-Gurion's demand for a new inquiry into the 1954 affair but without involving an inquiry into the findings of a 1960 Ministerial Committee which absolved Mr. Lavon from responsibility for the security mishap. Mr. Ben-Gurion reportedly wants an inquiry into both the mishap and the Ministerial Committee's findings. In response, the Premier said he knew of no new factual grounds for a renewed inquiry.

He also said that he would reject Mr. Ben-Gurion's demands at the regular Cabinet meeting Sunday and that, on Monday, he would convene the Mapai Central Committee and ask for ratification of his stand. He indicated he would consider the vote an issue of confidence in this leadership.

The Premier was assured of a majority in the Cabinet, where he is certain of the support of most Mapai members, as well as those of Achdut Avodah and the National Religious party. The question was how Mapai would weather such a development which was considered likely to bring about the resignation of two Mapai Ministers, Development and Housing Minister Joseph Almogi and Dr. Dov Joseph, who presented to the Cabinet last week a motion for a new inquiry.

For the critical Sunday Cabinet meeting, Deputy Premier Abba Eban was recalled from the United Nations and Foreign Trade Minister Akiya Govrin from Mexico. (Mr. Eban left New York tonight, and is expected to return early next week.) Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, who has been ill, was scheduled to leave the hospital today but under the medical orders to remain at home for two weeks. If she is unable to attend the Sunday meeting, there was a possibility that the meeting would be held in her home.

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ATTACKS ISRAEL AT U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 10; (JTA) -- Mahmoud Riad, Foreign Minister of Egypt, told the General Assembly here today that the "Organization for the Liberation of Palestine," formed last May in Jordanian Jerusalem, plans to pursue a pledge "to restore to the Arab people of Palestine their rights which so far have been denied to them by force."

He made this statement while delivering a general foreign affairs policy address before a plenary session of the Assembly. He said that, in that "just struggle," the group will have the support of Egypt.

Mr. Riad's reference to "the Palestine problem" reiterated all of the customary Arab charges against Israel, picturing Israel's presence in "Palestine" as motivated by "foreign domination, exploitation and racialism as inflicted upon the people of South Africa, Southwest Africa and Southern Rhodesia." Sudan also participated in today's Assembly session, delivering a similar diatribe against Israel.

JEWISH CONGRESS APPEALS TO U.N. FOR ACTION ON RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- Although 16 years have elapsed since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted, millions of people in states that are UN members continue to be deprived of the rights listed in the Declaration, the World Jewish Congress charged today, on the 16th anniversary of the Declaration.

The WJC with affiliated communities in 64 lands, called upon the current U.N. General Assembly to expedite a Declaration on Religious Intolerance. The General Assembly in 1962 asked that a draft declaration be prepared for action at its 1963 session. "We are at the end of 1964, and this text has not yet been drafted," Dr. Maurice L. Perlezweig, director of the WJC Department of International Affairs, said in a statement to the U.N.

JOSEPH WULF, J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT IN WEST BERLIN, WINS OSSIETZKY MEDAL

BERLIN, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- Joseph Wulf, West Berlin correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was awarded here today the annual Karl von Ossietzky Medal for a number of books dealing with the persecution of Jews and others in Germany by the Hitler regime. The award was made by the International League for Human Rights.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION CALLS TWO-DAY PARLEY ON INTERMARRIAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York announced today it was sponsoring a two-day conference this weekend on intermarriage and the future of the American Jewish community.

A group of 50 rabbis, social scientists and communal leaders have been invited to attend the conference which will be held in Long Beach, N. Y., according to Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, chairman of the research committee on the Federation's Commission on Synagogue Relations. He said the conference was called because of concern that a rising rate of intermarriage and a declining rate of births might lead to the disappearance of the Jewish community in this country.

Rabbi Kreitman said recent studies indicated that Judaism was losing 70 per cent of children born to mixed marriages and that the Jewish birthrate in the United States was only 2.2 per family compared with 2.8 for Protestants and 3 for Catholics. He added that some projections of this data indicated that by the year 2,000, the number of Jews will drop from 2.9 per cent to 1.6 per cent of the United States population.

Papers on these issues will be presented by Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement; Dr. Nathan Goldberg, Yeshiva University Sociology Professor; Dr. Alfred Iospe, program and resources director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations; Sanford Sherman, associated director of the Jewish Family Service; and Dr. Robert Gordis, a leading Conservative rabbi.

Rabbi Kreitman said that the goal of the conference is to alert all elements of the Jewish community to the situation and to the need to work together for solutions. He added that the findings of the conference should be of interest to followers of other religions concerned with the problems of intermarriage and waning religious loyalties.

BOSTON JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES ALLOCATES \$5,100,000 FOR VARIOUS CAUSES

BOSTON, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- Allocations totaling more than \$5,100,000 were approved by the board of trustees of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies here, Sidney Stoneman, CJP president, announced today. Of this sum, nearly \$2,100,000 was designated for the United Jewish Appeal and other overseas agencies.

Approximately 55 per cent of the funds available for allocation were earmarked for local hospitals, Jewish educational institutions, individual and family welfare agencies, and centers and camps, and for local and national community relations and educational and cultural agencies.

PHILIP GIVENS ELECTED AS MAYOR OF TORONTO; IS SECOND JEWISH MAYOR

TORONTO, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- Philip Givens, 42, was returned for a two year term as mayor of Toronto, Canada's second city, by a majority of 30,000 over his runner-up. Mr. Givens assumed the mayoralty a year ago to fill out the term of Donald Summerville who died of a heart attack in November 1963. His opponent Allan Lamport, 62, was a veteran municipal politician who had been mayor of Toronto three times in the early 1950's.

Mr. Givens, second Jewish mayor in Toronto's history (born Givertz) is a product of the Eitz Chaim Talmud Torah and an officer of the Zionist Organization of Canada. Other Jewish candidates who succeeded in the Toronto elections were Herbert Orliffe, Board of Control, and David Rotenberg, Alderman. Edwin Pivnick, 40-year-old attorney, was re-elected Reeve (i.e. mayor) of Forest Hill Village, and Irving Paisley was elected Controller in North York Township.

The total number of Jewish candidates elected, re-elected or returned by acclamation in the Metropolitan Toronto area was 20, mainly in the city of Toronto, Village of Forest Hill and townships of York and North York.

ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE IN HOLLAND LIQUIDATED BECAUSE OF LACK OF MEMBERS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- The ritual objects of the ancient synagogue of Leeuwarden in northern Holland, which is being closed and razed for lack of members, will be sent to the Children's Village of Kfar Batya at Raanana in Israel, synagogue officials said today.

It was also announced that a new bridge in the one-time Amsterdam Ghetto will be named after the late noted Jewish journalist, Moses Samuel Vaz Dias, founder of the Dutch Press Association. He died recently at 84. The bridge leads to the Jonas Daniel Meyerplein Square named for the world-famous 19th century Jewish lawyer.

FIRST JEWISH GENERAL NAMED IN BRAZIL: WAS BORN TO SEPHARDIC FAMILY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 10; (JTA) -- Waldemar Levy Cardoso became today the first Jewish general of the army in Brazil when was named to the highest rank in Brazilian active military service by President Castello Branco. Gen. Cardoso, who is 62, was born in Rio de Janeiro to Sephardic Jewish parents. His brother, retired Brig. Gen. Armando Levy Cardoso, was active in the Jewish community and served as president of the Jewish Confederation.