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## U. S. WILLING TO ASSIST GERMANY IN SETTLING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

BCNN, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The United States Ambassador to West Germany conferred here today with Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder and "expressed American willingness to assist Germany" toward settling its current Middle East crisis, State Secretary Karl-Gunther von Hase, spokesman for the Government, announced this afternoon.

Mr. von Hase refused to provide further details about the conference between the Washington envoy and Dr. Schroeder. He also said he had no information about reports that further mediation efforts between West Germany and Egypt are now being undertaken by a Spanish diplomat. It was Spain that arranged the agreement between Bonn and Cairo nearly two weeks ago for Germany's cessation of arms shipments to Israel.

Asserting that he had "the impression" that "in Israel, further understanding has developed recently," Mr. von Hase said that "it is now Israel's turn to act." Chancellor Ludwig Erhard had sent a letter to Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, dealing with the imbroglio that developed after Bonn agreed to halt its arms deliveries to Israel, under pressure from Egypt. So far, there has been no announcement from either side about an answer from Mr. Eshkol.

Replying to a question at his press conference about whether Egypt is trying to exert further pressures against Germany, Mr. von Hase said: "It is obvious that all sides want to provoke the German Government, but this will have no success." He repeated assertions made last week to the effect that the opposition Social Democratic Party had been consulted by the Government about Bonn's military aid agreement with Israel. The Government, he said, acted in "accordance with the Social Democratic Party."

(In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry officials failed to confirm today reports that the West German Government was sending an emissary to Israel to seek a way out of the current Bonn-Jerusalem crisis over the suspension of arms shipments to Israel from West Germany. A Ministry spokesman said that no notification to this effect had been received from Bonn and that, in any event, further talks could only be based on the fulfillment of Bonn's undertaking.)

### Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Lays Stress on Security

Der Spiegel, of Hamburg, today published twin interviews with Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Mr. Peres said that, due to the fact that "enormous" quantities of Soviet arms have been sent to Egypt, "the Americans, French and British ought to help redress the balance of arms in the Middle East, and supply Israel with weapons." "Germany," he stated, "should have done so in the first place." The question of Israel's security, he declared, is more important than the issue of diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel.

Asked by Der Spiegel about reports emanating from Cairo to the effect that Israel employs German scientists, Mr. Peres denied that those German scientists in Israel work for military purposes. "Generally," he said, "they work at the Weizmann Institute of Science, and only on scientific projects, without any military significance. In Egypt, on the other hand, the German scientists have very little to do with science, and very much with warlike armaments."

The Israeli official confirmed reports that there had been contacts about German aid to Israel, even prior to the meeting held in March 1960, in New York, between the then Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He did not say that such an agreement was concluded at that time.

Asked whether the remainder of the arms Bonn had committed itself to provide Israel would be sent to Israel now, as charged by Egyptian sources, Mr. Peres replied he hoped this agreement would be fulfilled. On the subject of whether there have been further negotiations between Bonn and Jerusalem about the continuation of aid to Israel, he replied: "Yes, in principle talks have taken place." But he declined to elaborate further because he "could not talk about inconclusive things."

In his interview, Col. Nasser said that the "only" reason he invited Communist East Germany's Chief of State, Walter Ulbricht, for a visit was "because of the arms given to Israel by Bonn as a present." He hinted there was a possibility that his government would recognize the East German regime if Germany halted its economic aid to Egypt after the Ulbricht visit.

## ISRAEL CABINET HEARS REPORT ON GERMANY'S STOPPAGE OF SENDING ARMS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) - Foreign Minister Golda Meir reviewed for the Cabinet today the developments following the West German decision to halt arms delivery to Israel and the worldwide reaction to that move. The report by Mrs. Meir and Premier Levi Eshkol's review of the security situation concluded the Cabinet's political affair's discussion started three weeks ago.

It is understood that Israel does not intend to make any move on the issue and is awaiting further initiative to be taken by the Bonn Government. Eliezer Shinnar, head of the Israel mission in Cologne, who was called home last week, is still not returning to his post.

Observers here stressed that only a position taken by the Bonn Government asserting that its relations with Israel were not negotiable would be satisfactory to Israel. They said that recent remarks by a Bonn spokesman noting the repeated threats by the Arabs to destroy Israel were unusual to be stated unequivocally by a Western power.

In her report to the Cabinet, Mrs. Meir denied as completely without foundation a German press report about an alleged "deal" according to which, in exchange for military aid, Israel undertook not to besmirch present-day Germany during the Eichmann trial and not to call as a witness Hans Globke, who resigned from a high Bonn Government post. Mrs. Meir said the entire report was baseless.

### Protests on Bonn's Halting of Arms to Israel Voiced in Various Lands

LONDON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Fresh protests against West Germany's cancellation of arms shipments to Israel were voiced in various countries today.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews adopted a resolution here today deploring the decision of the West German Government "to surrender to Nasser's terms and to terminate the agreement for security aid to Israel essential for the country's defense.

"For the Bonn authorities to be prepared to imperil the vital interests of Israel--threatened with annihilation, and whose population includes many survivors of the Nazi holocaust and for Israel to be treated as a mere pawn in the current policy of West and East Germany is an affront to the conscience of mankind," the resolution declared. It added that the Bonn policy, if carried out, "would be a breach of faith and a shortsighted act of appeasement, with possible serious consequences for the peace of the Middle East."

The resolution expressed the hope that "the democratic forces in Germany will induce their Government to reconsider the consequences of abject surrender to blackmail and of the precipitate action which has shocked the Jewish people and general public opinion in many parts of the world."

### Jews in Italy and Holland Appeal to West German Government

In Rome, Judge Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, called on the West German Ambassador to transmit a statement of Italian Jewry's "profound regret" over West Germany's yielding to President Nasser of Egypt on the arms to Israel suspension.

The statement also pointed out that Jewish opinion had been concerned for the past two years over the activities of West German scientists and technicians working in Egypt on advanced weapons for the Nasser regime. The statement said that while Jewish protests over the scientists had been fruitless, a few days of Egyptian pressure sufficed for the West German Government to yield to demands to halt the arms deliveries.

In Holland, a protest against the arms suspension was sent to the West German envoy at The Hague by the Dutch Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Liberal Jewish communities, who said that the West German "breach of promise" would lead to a weakening of an Israel threatened by the Arab countries.

The principal newspapers in Amsterdam denounced the Bonn arms halt in strong terms. The Nieuwe Rotterdammer Courant called the attitude of the Bonn Government "shameful morally as well as in the political and diplomatic sense." Het Parool said that West Germany had "got caught in a web of blackmail." The Volkskrant declared that the West German statements on the current Middle East controversy lacked "style and good behavior" and were "combined with a lack of understanding as to what moral commitments are

### Canadian Jewish Congress Sends Letter to German Ambassador

MONTREAL, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress, in a letter to West German Ambassador Kurt Oppler in Ottawa, expressed today its "disturbed feeling" over the cancellation by the Bonn Government of arms deliveries to Israel.

In the letter, Michael Garber, CJC president, said that he spoke on behalf of some 260,000 Canadian Jews, among them many who suffered personal tragedies during the Hitler years in Europe and in the postwar period. The letter noted that the "sign of moral weakness" shown by the withdrawal of arms aid to Israel, "disturbs not only the Jewish people but every objective person and nation for whom morality and ethics have any meaning."

## BCNN MINISTER OF JUSTICE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN NAZI YOUTH LEADER

BRUSSELS, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Ewald Bucher, the West German Justice Minister who has been the most obdurate foe of extension of the statute of limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, was reported here today to have been a one-time leader of the Hitler Youth. It was also revealed here that he had been suspended from the German bar for six years after the war.

The disclosures were made at a mass meeting convened by a number of Belgian Jewish, Zionist, Resistance and other movements insisting on the extension of the statute of limitations in West Germany. A resolution demanding the continuation of the statute was voted unanimously for transmittal to both the Belgian and West German Governments.

## MOSCOW JEWS HOLD PROTEST MEETING IN SYNAGOGUE AGAINST BONN DECISION

MOSCOW, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A meeting called to protest the West German Government decision to allow the Statute of Limitations to take effect for Nazi war criminals on May 8 was held last night at the Moscow Central Synagogue, it was reported here today by Novosti, the Soviet press agency which supplies news to the foreign press.

The large audience attending the rally adopted a resolution voicing "deep indignation" at the Bonn stand "which threatened to allow Nazi war criminals to go free," the Novosti report said.

Moscow Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin lighted six large candles at the rally in memory of the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis. In an address to the gathering, Rabbi Levin stressed that amnesty to the Nazi war criminals would be the "greatest possible insult to the sacred memory of millions of persons of different nationalities."

### Canadian Jews Protest Bonn's Plan to End Prosecution of Nazis

TORONTO, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A delegation representing 375 organizations in the Province of Ontario, authorized to speak for the 105,000 Jews in this province, met here today with Werner Oppel, West German Consul-General in Toronto, to protest the Bonn Government's plans to put into effect the statute of limitations on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals and to cancel arms shipments to Israel.

About 150 Jews marched silently from the headquarters of the YMHA here to the German Consulate-General, bearing placards voicing their protests. A resolution concerning the subjects was presented to Consul-General Werner Oppel by Gurston Allen and Myer Sharzer, representing the Canadian Jewish Congress, which led the action.

The resolution stated that the Bonn Government "apparently intends to yield to pressure by Egypt," and declared that such surrender to Egyptian pressure "will be interpreted as a sign of moral weakness." Mr. Oppel, who had been imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp for a year because his wife is Jewish, told the delegation leaders: "I see your point of view; I understand your feelings."

### Jews in Denmark Protest Bonn Policy on Statute of Limitations

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A protest against West German plans to allow the statute of limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals to take effect on May 8, this year, was sent to the German Government today by the Jewish Board of Deputies of Denmark.

At the same time, protests on the subject were delivered to the German Ambassador here today by the Veterans of the Danish Underground, the Scandinavian Jewish Youth League, and the Danish Veterans of World War II. E. H. Husen, president of the latter group, warned that West German failure to extend the statute "would affect confidence in the German people and its leaders."

The Jewish Youth League protested not only against letting prosecution of Nazi war criminals lapse this year but also against the Bonn cancellation of arms shipments to Israel and against the continued presence of German scientists in Egypt, where they are at work on development of nonconventional weapons aimed ultimately at aggression against Israel.

### Dutch Government Urges Bonn to Extend Trials of Nazis

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The Dutch Government sent a message to the West German Government yesterday, urging Bonn to extend the German statute of limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals beyond the present cut-off date of May 8, 1965. At the same time, the Dutch Government offered to furnish all documents the Dutch have related to Nazi outrages committed in this country during the German occupation of Holland.

## GERMANY AND ISRAEL TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF FINAL REPARATIONS PAYMENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission in Cologne, said here today that the agreement on final reparations payments by West Germany to Israel may be signed in Jerusalem instead of Cologne.

Dr. Shinnar said that the signing, originally scheduled for tomorrow, had been postponed. He added that the delay has nothing to do with Israel's disagreement with Bonn over the halting of arms shipments.

## BEN-GURION URGED TO ACCEPT MAPAI CONVENTION RULE ON LAVON AFFAIR

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- An appeal to former Premier David Ben-Gurion to accept the ruling of the majority of the Mapai convention on the Lavon Affair and on a limited alignment with the Ahdut Avodah party was voiced today by Kaddish Luz, Speaker of the Israel Parliament who is among the top Mapai leaders.

The convention, which concluded this weekend, approved a request from Prime Minister Levi Eshkol--opposed by Mr. Ben-Gurion--that the party put aside the internal battle over a new inquiry into the circumstances of a 1954 security mishap when Pinhas Lavon was Defense Minister. The Eshkol stand was backed at the convention by 60 percent of the votes in a secret ballot. The other 40 percent of the delegates, supporters of Ben-Gurion, were beaten on a proposal that the convention identify itself in principle with Ben-Gurion's demand for a new probe of the 1954 disaster in which Ben-Gurion forced Lavon out of the Ministry.

By similar margins, the convention approved a proposal for Mapai to resume efforts for a limited alignment with Ahdut Avodah. The effect of the voting was to endorse Eshkol's formula that the question of a new investigation of the Lavon Affair be left to the discretion of Mapai representatives in the Government. More than 90 percent of the 2,226 delegates cast votes.

Mr. Eshkol expressed satisfaction with the voting and Ben-Gurion's supporters hailed the 40 percent minority vote as "a moral victory." The Premier said: "It is the end of bitter discussion. I am happy the convention accepted the principle of alignment and the principle that the Lavon Affair was left a matter for individual judgment of Mapai Ministers." He said that the party had emerged "stronger and united with no feeling of fanaticism, no feeling of defeat for any of the groups."

### Ben-Gurion's Supporters Serenade in Front of His Home

A few hours after the convention ended, Ben-Gurion's supporters came to his home singing and chanting "He's a jolly good fellow." The former Premier, who was already in bed, came to the window to wave at his greeters. Whether he was satisfied with the convention judgment was not immediately known. He had said repeatedly at the convention, and before the convention, that he would continue his fight for "truth and justice" and for a judicial investigation of the Lavon case even if he were expelled from the party.

The delegates adopted a wide-ranging group of resolutions. One called on the Soviet Union to recognize the justice of the historic desires of Russian Jewry, to allow reunification of Jewish families torn apart in the Hitler holocaust, to give full equality to Russian Jews as individuals and as a cultural group not only by law but by deeds, and to permit cultural, religious and spiritual contacts between Soviet Jews and world Jews.

The delegates also called for increased aliyah and preparation for it by intensifying preparation of Jewish youth in other countries to settle in Israel. Integration of immigrants and expansion of education also were urged.

In another resolution, the delegates denounced West Germany's surrender to Egyptian "blackmail" in the suspension of arms shipments to Israel and expressed "profound revulsion" over Bonn's "surrender which is entirely incompatible with the moral obligation that rests on a Germany which seeks to liberate itself from its bloodstained past."

## EBAN URGES HEADS OF ALL SOVEREIGN STATES TO HOLD SUPER-SUMMIT PARLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A proposal that the heads of all sovereign states in the world gather for a week's super-summit meeting to re-evaluate the prospects for peace opened by new technologies was made here this weekend by Abba Eban, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel.

He made that suggestion at one of the sessions of intellectual leaders from all over the world, considering ways to follow up on the principles enunciated by the late Pope John XXIII in the encyclical entitled "Pacem in Terris." Mr. Eban received a standing ovation from the conference after being interrupted a number of times during his address with tumultuous applause.

Today, Mr. Eban conferred with Belgium's Prime Minister Paul-Henri Spaak, discussing various issues of mutual interest between Belgium and Israel, touching particularly on Israel's relations with the European Economic Community. Accompanying the Deputy Prime Minister at this conference was Israel's former Ambassador to Belgium, Gideon Rafael.

## CARDINAL BEA SAYS ECUMENICAL COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT THE 'JEWISH DOCUMENT'

GENEVA, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity which drafted the original Ecumenical Council statement on Jews, predicted here today that the statement would be ratified by the Council in the near future.

Cardinal Bea, who arrived here yesterday, made the prediction during a discussion with Chief Rabbi Alexander Saffran at a reception given at the Ecumenical Council here.

## ISRAEL BOND INAUGURAL CONFERENCE LAUNCHES \$100,000,000 CAMPAIGN

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- President Johnson's plans for the Great Society demonstrate the President's "concern for the social and ethical principles which are the core of our Judeo-Christian heritage," Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey told more than 2,000 American Jewish leaders here last night, at the concluding session of the international inaugural conference for Israel Bonds.

The three-day conference, which launched a campaign for the sale of \$100,000,000 of Israel bonds this year, initiated the drive with initial subscriptions which, according to Samuel Rothberg, national chairman of the campaign, reached the peak amount of \$24,700,000.

Lauding the Israel Bond undertaking, Mr. Humphrey linked the Bond effort with President Johnson's Great Society by declaring that "the American tradition and the tradition of Israel have agreed not only on the possibility of building a society which might be called great, but also on the social and ethical foundation on which that society must rest." The 1,500,000 subscribers to Israel bonds, he said, "have provided the pioneers of Israel with the tools to rebuild their homeland in peace and understanding, helping to construct a nation where freedom flourishes."

Abraham A. Feinberg, president of the Bond Organization, presented Vice President Humphrey with the Human Freedom Award, a medallion mounted on a stone brought from the ancient fortress of Masada in Israel. Masada was the site in the Negev Desert where nearly 1,000 Jewish fighters staged their last stand against the Roman invaders, and committed mass suicide in the year 73 of the Common Era. That act, Mr. Feinberg noted, "has been a consecrated example of devotion to human freedom as the bedrock of our democracy and its mission of equality, liberty and justice for all."

### \$43,000,000 Will be Paid Out in 1965 on Maturing Bonds

The concluding conference session, before an overflow audience at a dinner at the Fontainebleau Hotel, also heard addresses by Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Abba S. Eban and by Sir Isaac Wolfson, British industrialist and philanthropist. The latter, as guest of honor at the dinner, told the gathering that solidification of Israel's economic foundation is essential not only for the survival of the Jewish State but also for "the spiritual survival of the Jewish people throughout the world."

Mr. Eban outlined Israel's plans for economic development, stressing the role of Israel bonds in helping his country achieve "a decisive breakthrough toward industrialization." He took the occasion to appeal to nations friendly to Israel to "remain steadfast in preserving the defensive strength of Israel" as a means for preserving peace in the Middle East.

At an earlier session, Louis H. Boyar, chairman of the Israel Bonds Board of Governors, told the conference that Americans and Canadians who had invested previously in Israel bonds will receive \$43,000,000 in redemption payments in 1965. He reported that, between May 1, 1963 and the end of 1964, Israel paid out \$65,800,000 in maturing bonds. Mr. Rothberg told the same session that "the people of Israel are returning with interest the economic aid they are receiving in the form of loans from individual investors in the United States and other countries."

### Bond Drive to Cover Third of Israel's Budget, Dr. Schwartz Reports

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, the Bond Organization's vice-president, noted in another address that this year's \$100,000,000 "maximum effort" would constitute nearly a third of Israel's total budget of \$283,333,000. Israel bonds, he said, make up the most important source of investment funds for the development of Israel.

Major items in Israel's development budget for next year, he reported, include more than \$21,000,000 for agriculture; \$23,000,000 for irrigation; nearly \$34,000,000 for industry; over \$50,000,000 for transportation; \$31,700,000 for communications; and \$82,300,000 for housing, most of that sum for the housing of immigrants in the new development zones in the Negev and in the central Galilee.

Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who spoke at a special session attended by ZOA members, cited Israel's increasing reliance on Israel bonds to carry its development program forward.

Today, the Israel Bond Organization announced the names of its principal officers for 1965. They are: Mr. Feinberg, president; Mr. Boyar, chairman of the Board of Governors; Ira Guilden, national chairman; Mr. Rothberg, national campaign chairman; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president; Jack D. Weiler, secretary; Lawrence H. Laskey, chairman of the executive committee; Morris W. Berinstein, national chairman for trustees; Max Bressler, national chairman of Guardians; Mrs. Jan Pearce, national chairman of the Women's Division; and Julian B. Venezky, national chairman for regions.

During the sessions here, the Women's Division also launched its 1965 drive under the chairmanship of Mrs. Pearce. The principal guests of the division was Lady Edith Wolfson, joint chairman of the Children and Youth Aliyah Committee for Great Britain.

SEN. KENNEDY'S KIN CRITICIZED FOR STAYING IN RESORT WHICH BARS JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Stephen E. Smith, brother-in-law of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat, was criticized this weekend by one of the Senator's own backers during the election campaign last fall, for staying at an upstate resort that has been accused of discriminating against Jews.

The Kennedy backer, R. Peter Straus, president of Radio Station WMCA, of New York, said that it was "incredible" that Mr. Smith, who is married to Sen. Kennedy's sister, Jean, and who acted as an unofficial campaign manager for the Senator, stay at the Lake Placid Club.

Although the club is not a place of public accommodation and may legally bar Jews, the issue of anti-Semitism has repeatedly been raised in connection with various conventions held at the resort. In 1958, the New York State Conference of Mayors was moved away from the club after New York's Mayor Robert F. Wagner had said he could not attend.

Reached by telephone at the club, Mr. Smith said he had never heard that the club barred Jews, and indicated that he would attempt to arrange other accommodations.

PRESENTATION OF 'THE DEPUTY' CANCELED IN MONTREAL; LOW TICKET SALES

MONTREAL, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A planned two-night presentation of the controversial play "The Deputy" has been canceled here because of lack of public interest. A spokesman for Rondeen Associates Ltd., which had booked the Forum for the play's presentation today and tomorrow, said "there was nothing at the box office."

Commenting on "the lack of response and complete indifference of the public" which had forced the cancellation, the spokesman said: "The play's on everybody's tongue, but nobody did anything about buying tickets." He recalled that about 1,300 tickets--about 600 a night--were sold for the 5,000 seats available for each of the performances.

ISRAEL ORCHESTRA TO TOUR U. S. S. R. ; MOSCOW SENDS BALLET TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will tour the Soviet Union in May of next year, according to a contract signed this weekend in Moscow, it was reported here today. The tour will include Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and another city as yet unspecified.

Scheduled to appear in Israel will be the Bolshoi Ballet of Moscow and the leading Soviet violinist, David Oistrakh. The Israel Philharmonic currently has as a guest performer, the Soviet cellist, Rostropovich.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY ACCEPTS INVITATION TO JOIN 'PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE'

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the organization of rabbis of the Conservative movement, has accepted an invitation for membership in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The rabbinical group will be represented by its president, Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg of Rockville Center, N. Y.

The Conference of Presidents, which now has a membership of 20 of the leading national Jewish organizations in the United States, was originally founded to act on matters relating to American-Israeli relations, but has since widened its scope to include on its agenda all matters of vital Jewish interest abroad.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY GETS HONORARY DEGREE FROM JEWISH SEMINARY

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey received an honorary degree of doctor of laws from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at a luncheon here yesterday. Mr. Humphrey was cited for his "conviction that American life should embody the truths of Biblical prophecy concerning the pursuit of economic justice and peace among men."

The degree was conferred upon Mr. Humphrey by Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, as the prelude to a Seminary convocation to be launched here tomorrow. At the convocation, Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of RCA, Inc., will receive the Herbert H. Lehman Medal. Eight other Jewish leaders will be given the Seminary's National Community Service Awards during the convocation.

CHIEF SEPHARDIC RABBI OF BRITAIN ASKS U. S. JEWS FOR AID PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Gaon, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, called on American Jewry last night to establish an organized educational, religious and economic aid program to save Sephardic Judaism here and abroad from assimilation.

Addressing the second annual Sephardic Leadership Conference held at Yeshiva University, Dr. Gaon urged that American Jewry launch a communal effort to help establish new Sephardic congregations, establish a scholarship assistance program for the training of rabbis, teachers and lay leaders in a joint program aimed at saving the traditions and heritage of Sephardic Jewry.