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U. S. JEWRY'S NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ITSELF STRESSED AT CJFWF ASSEMBLY

MONTREAL, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- The American Jewish community was called upon today "to know more about itself" at the opening here of the 34th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The parley is attended by more than 1,000 top communal leaders, representing 220 Jewish federations and community councils serving 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada.

The five-day General Assembly is the annual meeting at which the representatives of the Jewish communities exchange opinions and define major welfare objectives and programs as guides to communities. They also set the policies of the CJFWF. Addressing the first general session of the Assembly today, Louis Stern of Newark, president of the CJFWF stressed that "there is an urgent need for the Jewish community to know more about itself."

No enterprise as large as Jewish communal service knows so little about itself as does American Jewry, Mr. Stern pointed out. Even the estimate of the number of Jews in the United States is only a guess. Canadian Jews have their own census figures. "We don't know our birth rates and death rates," he said. "We don't know how many we are gaining or losing through intermarriage. There are too many slogans and too few facts on the vital question of intermarriage."

To fill this knowledge gap, Mr. Stern reported, the first comprehensive national study ever made on American Jews is being planned by the CJFWF. Cost of the study is expected to be about \$650,000 over a three-year period, to be sought from foundations. It will provide the first accurate facts on age patterns, their geographic distribution, economic status, family size, the intermarriage rate of Jews, education, occupations, synagogue affiliation and participation in organized Jewish communal groups and activities.

The study, said Mr. Stern, will show "not only who we are, but what we are, what our communities are like, what our people are like -- what they think about their Judaism and what they do about it."

Detachment of Young Jewish Adults from Judaism Analyzed

In preparation for the General Assembly, outstanding young Jewish adults in communities and on campuses across the country were asked by the CJFWF to prepare papers on how they viewed Jewish life in the United States. "The common threads which run through these papers need to be examined," Mr. Stern declared. In the papers, it is noted that Jewishness, linked only to ritual and custom, does not answer the problems that concern young people most as citizens and as human beings, he said.

"The apparent lack of relevance of the Judaism they know, to the problems of modern society, is driving a number into detachment. These are not people who are indifferent to the issues facing mankind. They are often deeply concerned. And they are manifesting that concern in our leadership training programs, where they ask not only how, and when, but why."

"If Judaism had no answers, if ritual and customs were all we had to offer, we would indeed be in difficulty. It is almost tragic that too often we have failed to translate the ethical concepts which are the heart of Judaism into language and terms which our young people could know and understand," said Mr. Stern.

The task facing the American Jewish community, he declared, requires all the communal, intellectual and rabbinical commitment that can be brought to bear. "If we cannot provide solid answers to the problem of relevance, nothing else will be effective," he pointed out.

Growing Concern for Future of Jewish Communities in U. S. Cited

Declaring that Jewish leaders must re-evaluate their Federations and ask: How relevant is what we do to the big issues of our time?, the CJFWF president noted that there is a growing concern in North America for the future of Jewish communities. "We need a

healthy concern, not for fear of what may happen to our Judaism, but rather a concern for what we want it to be," he said. "And if my observations are correct, many of the people becoming somewhat hysterical about the 'vanishing Jew' are people swayed by magazine article headlines and by slogans -- people who are most distant from the realities of Jewish responsibilities and from what is actually happening."

What is taking place in communities, Mr. Stern pointed out, is stimulating a vital outlook within Jewish agencies and the rise of highly qualified young men and women into Jewish communal leadership. These developments are most reassuring, he stated. "Many non-sectarian agencies, governmental and those sponsored by religious groups have told us that they would give much to have the same drive, commitment, dynamism and quality," he said.

Jewish Agencies Spend Annually \$650,000,000 for Human Needs

"When we add up all that we do each year -- the \$200,000,000 we provide for operations, capital needs and endowment purposes as part of the \$650,000,000 annual expenditures by Jewish agencies for almost every kind of human need -- even more when we add up what these funds and our agencies accomplish in the perspective of our members -- it's a remarkable achievement."

Mr. Stern pointed to the importance of voluntary agencies within the framework of the U.S. and Canadian democracies. At the core of these societies is the freedom of groups to undertake what will best serve their group purposes and what will most strengthen the country as a whole, he said.

Turning to the critical personnel crisis facing the North American Jewish community, Mr. Stern said this serious problem can only be solved in our own cities. "If the social workers, rabbis and educators don't come from each of our own cities, where are they coming from? And if we don't build the prestige and importance of these positions and provide responsibilities that will attract the best of our young people, how are we going to get them?" Mr. Stern declared.

Hayes Reports on Problems of Jewish Communities in Canada

Saul Hayes, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, addressing the CJFJWF General Assembly, stressed the fact that there is a major linguistic and cultural crisis now prevailing in Canada, arising out of the conflict in relationships between French Quebec and the rest of Canada.

"In Quebec," he said, "the Jewish community has to conduct itself in the light of realities in which the priority of the French language is becoming a reality." He also cited the concept of the "two Canadas" and the thesis of Quebec's Premier Jean Lesage that the original treaties between the English and French gave the French a special status and an advantage over all other minority groups.

In the light of this situation, he added, the Jewish community in Canada is confronted with the possible danger of a second class citizenship in a two Canada situation. At the same time, it faces all the other problems that confront Jewish communities everywhere as a result of the affluent society, the mobility of population and the effects of automation.

"We certainly do not have the answers to the problems which we encounter in this period of great flux. There are, however, a number of imperatives with which the Jewish community should concern itself. We must maintain our vitality and not merely our identity. We must maintain a heritage and not merely a memory and we must inculcate our Jewish identity with meaning and not merely with folklore."

Pointing out the difference between the Jewish communities in Canada and the United States and emphasizing that there are only 250,000 Jews in Canada, Mr. Hayes said: "There is no typical Canadian Jew who may be easily identified from one end of the country to the other. Apart from certain distinctive Jewish interests held in common, the Jew in British Columbia is more like the typical resident of British Columbia and the same thing holds true in Manitoba, Ontario and other provinces. The only exception to this regional typicality is in Quebec where the situation is much more difficult to analyze."

"In the United States," Mr. Hayes noted, "Jewish organizations are among the leading opponents of the use of public funds for private schools, considering this a breach in the separation of church and state. In Canada, the church-state separation tradition is not so great and, in Quebec, it is non-existent. Even in Ontario, with a recognized public school system, the Jews are divided on the question of seeking public funds for private schools."

FISHER OUTLINES 'HIGH PRIORITY' TASKS AT C. J. F. W. F. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Montreal, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Four "high priority" tasks face the Jewish communities in the United States and Canada during the coming year, Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared here this evening. Addressing the 34th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opened today, Mr. Fisher said that the principal tasks facing the communities, the UJA and the welfare funds next year were:

- 1) A stepped-up program to help Israel absorb 200,000 immigrants from backward Asian and African countries, settled now in 21 immigrant development towns throughout Israel;
- 2) Large-scale aid to help an anticipated 52,000 Jewish immigrants a year from distressed areas of Europe, North Africa and Asia to Israel and to Western countries;
- 3) Increased aid for some 400,000 distressed Jews living in Europe and in various Moslem countries;
- 4) An intensified program of fund-raising designed to make up the loss of \$17,500,000 no longer being received annually from West German reparations by three of the UJA's beneficiaries -- the Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee and United Hias Service.

Mr. Fisher called for a renewal and expansion of the creative relationship that has existed and exists now between the CJFWF and the UJA in meeting the Jewish overseas problems. That relationship, he noted, has produced more than \$1,500,000,000 in 20 years.

Through this "greatest, voluntary, life-saving effort ever undertaken by a given national or religious group," he said, 1,735,000 Jews "from places of despair" were settled in free lands, including 1,373,000 in Palestine and Israel; the greatest, non-governmental program of relief and assistance the world has ever known was implemented; shattered Jewish communities were helped toward rebuilding in Europe, where feasible; and new dimensions were provided to hundreds of thousands of Jews in backward lands in North Africa and Asia, through welfare and education activities.

During the same period, he noted, the establishment of 480 new farm settlements in Israel was aided; help was given to the building of new Israeli towns and communities; two out of three immigrants who had come to Israel were helped toward "reasonably successful adjustment."

Reports on UJA Aid Overseas; Foresees Rise in Immigration to U. S.

Since the end of World War II, the UJA general chairman told the delegates at the Assembly, American Jews alone had raised a total of \$2,000,000,000, of which \$595,000,000 came through campaigns conducted by the Jewish federations and welfare funds. Of that total, nearly 60 percent, or a little more than \$1,500,000,000, went to the UJA and its beneficiaries for overseas aid, while \$52,000,000 went to other overseas organizations.

"As of this moment," he reported, "we are helping some 750,000 to 800,000 persons overseas; by this year's end, we will have helped another 50,000 Jews to emigrate." Inside Israel, today, some 30,000 immigrants are being helped with absorption, training, agricultural aid and other assistance. Outside Israel, another 430,000 Jews are being helped, most of them in Europe, but about 25 percent of them in Moslem lands. In the United States, about 5,000 Jewish refugees are still being helped.

One of the problems faced now, Mr. Fisher pointed out, is the anticipated new, Jewish immigration to the United States as a result of the enactment of the amended Immigration Act, wiping out "the racially-biased and statistically outmoded act of 1924, with its national origins quota system." Under the new legislation, he said, "it is possible that we will see U. S. immigration rise considerably, and the United Hias Service called on to handle an annual average immigration to Western areas of about 12,000 persons per year. The federations and the UJA must be prepared to meet an overall movement of about 52,000 persons annually for the next five years."

Reveals Results of Survey Conducted Among Immigrants in Israel

Mr. Fisher revealed the results of a survey conducted by the Jewish Agency recently, at the request of the UJA, among 200,000 immigrants in 21 Israeli development towns. That study, he said, showed that 30 percent or more are illiterate in any language; 20 percent represented non-productive families, including persons on permanent relief or employed, fulltime or part-time, in public works; 60 percent consisted of families of six or more persons, against the overall Israeli national average of 3.7 persons per family. The data also showed that, in the development towns, average earnings are scarcely

\$100 monthly, against average, urban, individual earnings of \$205 monthly in other parts of Israel. He pointed to the gap in education, as between youth in the development towns and the young Israelis in the rest of the country, and told of the efforts being made to close that gap by the Israel Government and the UJA's new Israel Education Fund. He reported that, in its first year of existence, the IEF has pledged \$11,000,000 for schools and scholarships in Israel, and that 12 new high schools are now being built in Israel.

UJA to Receive \$62,000,000 in 1965; Will Seek \$74,000,000 in 1966

After recalling the \$17,500,000 loss of income from German reparations faced during the next year by JDC, United Hias Service and the Jewish Agency, Mr. Fisher reported that "it appears that, in 1965, UJA will receive \$62,000,000 from the community funds and the UJA of Greater New York." That sum, he said, would represent an increase of about \$2,000,000 over the sums raised each year by the UJA for the last four years. Then he told the General Assembly:

"In 1966, the United Jewish Appeal will come to the communities with a new and challenging proposal. We will point out that the authentic needs overseas are always many millions more than American Jews attain in their fund-raising efforts. In 1966, these will total about \$115,000,000 for all of the UJA's agencies. But we will say -- since we cannot raise that full amount -- let us try to raise 20 percent or 25 percent more than the \$62,000,000 we raised in 1965. Let us work together and try to raise \$73,000,000 or \$74,000,000. It is needed. I think we can do it and that we will want to do it."

Dr. Mayer Reports on Achievements of the Communities in Europe

Dr. Astorre Mayer of Milan, Italy, chairman of the European Standing Conference of Jewish Community Services, delivered a stirring address on both the achievements and needs of the Jewish communities in Europe today. He gave a short outline of the Jewish institutions which had come into being during the recent years in the communities of the 16 countries affiliated with the Standing Conference -- Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

"We, as all the other Jews in the world, have been aided by American and Canadian Jewry for 50 years, and it is time for us to begin to bear our own share in this relentless effort," Dr. Mayer said. "The whole work was only possible with the help of many thousands of American and Canadian community workers and contributors who made the Jewish 'Marshal Plan' possible. I am very pleased to tell you that the small number of European Jewish community leaders of the beginning has now grown to a large group of people who are doing very fine work."

The leader of the European Jewish communities revealed that some of the Jewish communities behind the Iron Curtain have indicated that they would like to participate in the Standing Conference. "There are, of course, a number of technical and other questions to be solved, but the trend is a gratifying one and we shall stand by if, as and when our brethren in the East will call on us and will be able to join our ranks," Dr. Mayer told the General Assembly.

Pointing out that the European Jewish communities raised more than \$700,000 for Jewish refugees from North Africa, and that this is an unprecedented joint effort in Europe on behalf of a sister-community, Dr. Mayer said that, following the termination of funds from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, new and "revolutionary" approaches will have to be worked out in the field of aid by the Jewish communities of Europe.

Establishment of Inter-Community Loan Fund in Europe Urged

He suggested the possibility of the creation of an inter-community loan fund through which the financially more important and better equipped communities could finance vital projects in communities of a lower financial standard on a strictly credit and refund basis. "The means to realize these plans could be obtained through extraordinary donations integrated with long-dated credits at a moderate rate of interest," he said. "The communities should, directly or through their national or European unions, grant the reimbursement after a suitable number of years from the completion of the work, and over a reasonably long period."

Reporting on activities in the field of Jewish education, he said: "In this field we were not very successful. We have built many schools. Some of our communities may be proud of having day schools for the large majority of their children, like Antwerp, Strasbourg, and Milan. Others are following, but still we are very far from covering all the needs of the young people."

"The State of Israel and American and Canadian Jewry are the pillars on which we must rely for rebuilding a world program of education for Jews conscious of their duties, otherwise the efforts we made during the last 20 years after the end of World War II will be partially frustrated."

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES FINAL ELECTION TABULATION; MAPAM TO JOIN CABINET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment won a total of 45 seats in the balloting for the sixth Knesset (Parliament), according to the official election returns announced here last night by Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, chairman of the National Election Committee. In the last Knesset, the alignment had 41 seats;

Based on the official returns, the Herut-Liberal (Gahal) list was allotted 26 seats, compared with 27 in the last House; the National Religious Party, 11 seats compared with 12 in the last Knesset; Ben-Gurion's Israel Worker's List (Rafi), 10; Mapam, 8, compared with 9 in the last Knesset; Independent Liberals, 5; Agudat Israel, 4; the pro-Arab Communists, 3; Poalei Agudat Israel, 2; the two Mapai-affiliated Arab lists, 2 each; the pro-Israel Communists, 1; and Haolam Hazei, 1;

Justice Landau said that 1,244,706 Israelis, representing 83 percent of the eligible voters, cast ballots in last week's elections, and that 37,978 votes were declared invalid. The allotment of seats was based on a distribution of 9,881 votes per seat.

Mr. Eshkol is considering a new coalition Cabinet of 18 Ministers, compared with 16 in the outgoing Cabinet, following the agreement by the opposition Mapam party to discuss joining the next coalition, the newspaper Davar, the Histadrut organ, reported today. The enlarged Cabinet would be made up of 10 Mapai representatives, two from Achdut Avodah, three from the National Religious Party, two from Mapam, and one Independent Liberal.

The new Knesset will convene November 22 and the Premier reportedly wants to have a new coalition ready for Knesset consideration by that date. Few personnel changes were expected in the new Cabinet. Dov Joseph, the outgoing Justice Minister, was expected to be named an Ambassador, with his portfolio slated to be offered to the Independent Liberals.

BEN-GURION SLATED TO VISIT U.S.A.; TO ATTEND BIBLE CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion has accepted an invitation to visit the United States next February, to open the first conference of the American-Israel Bible Society in Chicago, it was disclosed here yesterday.

The visit, his first since 1961, when he met the late President John Kennedy and then conferred with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer when the latter visited the United States, will include a series of lectures under the auspices of the Bible society.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE CONCLUDES SESSION; U.S. ITEMS ON AGENDA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Youth and Hechalutz department of the Jewish Agency, reported today that 200 volunteers were expected from the United States next year in the "Service for People" project, compared with 160 this year. He also reported on plans to improve the project. The "Service for People" project offers opportunities for non-Israeli Jews to work or study in Israel for one year.

Mr. Dobkin made his report at the final meeting of the Jewish Agency executive in session here since Sunday, discussing preparations for the forthcoming World Zionist Actions Committee meeting. The Zionist officials also discussed the situation of the Zionist movement in other countries and the next Jewish Agency budget.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, reported on the American Conservative Judaism movement in connection with the conference next year of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. The executive approved today an expanded program of the New York Information Department, headed by Prof. Marie Syrkin.

BRITAIN OPPOSES U.N. RELIEF FOR ARAB REFUGEES SERVING IN P.L.O.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Britain today told the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, which has been debating the Arab refugee issue for almost four full weeks, that it is opposed to the giving of any U.N. aid for the support of "political or militant activities."

Without mentioning the Palestine Liberation Organization, an army formed by the Arab states for recruitment of Arab refugees into a military force for war against Israel, C. Peter Hope, Britain's representative in the committee, said that his Government has for years been giving funds to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees -- but only "for humanitarian relief." The resources of UNRWA, he insisted, "should be used to assist genuine refugees, genuinely in need."

Thus, the British delegate supported two of Israel's contentions in this year's refugee debate -- opposing giving of UNRWA aid to those refugees who enlist in the PLO, and telling the committee that UNRWA should rectify its relief rolls so as to deny further relief to the many thousands of fraudulent claimants for U.N. aid.

JTA-XEROX NEWS CENTER BRINGS JEWISH NEWS TO CJFWF ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

MONTREAL, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- A special Jewish Telegraphic Agency-Xerox news center began functioning today at the 34th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, bringing the latest information of world-wide Jewish developments to the 1,000 delegates and guests attending the five-day session.

JTA news bulletins, transmitted on an hourly schedule from JTA headquarters in New York by special teletype line to the JTA-Xerox news center at General Assembly headquarters in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel here, are being reproduced on a high-speed Xerox machine, and distributed to the delegates and guests. The news tapes are also being displayed on a JTA wallboard newspaper frame, which speedily became a center of interest for hundreds of delegates. The special service to the participants in the General Assembly was arranged as a public service by the JTA in cooperation with Xerox of Canada, Ltd.

CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT URGES INCREASED FUNDS FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 11: (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America, the congregational organization of the Conservative movement, called on the nation's Jewish federations and welfare funds today to increase their allocations for Jewish education. In a resolution adopted at the closing session of the organization's biennial convention, the delegates said that some federation allocations for Jewish education were "totally inadequate." The resolution said that the responsibility for maintaining Jewish education "must be shared by the total Jewish community."

"In another resolution, the convention called on constituent congregations to work for the establishment of procedures to further the observance of the dietary laws by the congregations, their affiliated organizations and their memberships. The resolution noted what it described as "widespread violations of kashrut" under existing methods of supervision.

In an address before the convention, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, warned of repetition in other cities of the recent riots which took place in the Watts section of Los Angeles "unless there is a change in the spiritual outlook of the whole nation" along the lines of prophetic Judaism.

ZENA HARMAN TO ATTEND NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARD TO UNICEF IN OSLO

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, of Israel, chairman of the executive board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the agency which was awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize, will be among a delegation of UNICEF officials who will go to Oslo to accept the coveted award on December 10, it was learned here today. Mrs. Harman, the wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman, today delivered the UNICEF annual report to the agency's board here.

MIZRACHI WOMEN JOIN 13 GROUPS AIDING TV DOCUMENTARY ON JEWISH LIFE

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 11: (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization of America decided at its national convention here to join with 13 other national Jewish organizations in the production of a Columbia Broadcasting System network television documentary series on Jewish life in America. Mrs. Eli Resnikoff, of Brooklyn, was re-elected president of the organization.

ISRAEL SIGNS PACT TO EXPAND AID TO AGRICULTURE IN LATIN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- An agreement initiating an extensive new venture in Israeli technical assistance to rural agricultural development in Latin America was signed here today by Dr. Jose A. Mora, secretary-general of the Organization of American States and Israel Ambassador Harman, at the Pan-American Union headquarters here. Israeli experts will seek to aid Latin American nations to effect rural agriculture based on cooperative forms.

YEHUDA HARRY LEVIN, ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, DIES AT AGE OF 58

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Yehuda Harry Levin, Israeli Ambassador to Denmark since 1961, died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 58. A former counsellor in the Israel Embassy in Washington, the diplomat was born in South Africa and received his education at the University of South Africa and Oxford University in Britain. He settled in Palestine in 1927, and began a career as a news correspondent.

He served as assistant editor of the Palestine and Near East Economic Magazine, editor of the Palestine Weekly, Middle East correspondent for the Daily Herald of London, and as a war correspondent in World War II. He also served as a news commentator for the South African Broadcasting Corporation and for the BBC. He gave English-language broadcasts for the radio of Haganah, the pre-state underground Jewish army. He began his diplomatic career as Consul General of Israel to Australia and New Zealand in 1949.