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STRUCTURE OF JEWISH AGENCY, INC. AND UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL REVISED

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Two major American Jewish agencies have sharply revised their structure to broaden the base of the American Jewish philanthropic effort on behalf of Jewish immigration and rehabilitation programs in Israel. They are the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and the United Israel Appeal, principal beneficiary of the annual United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

Dr. Dewey D. Stone, newly-elected chairman of the consolidated group, announced today that the new body, which will be known as the United Israel Appeal, Inc., consists of a board of trustees of 200 prominent Jewish leaders. Half of this group were selected from names suggested by 64 Jewish communities throughout the United States. The remainder were designated by the Zionist groups who were the original founders of the United Israel Appeal in 1925.

Details of the merger were outlined by Dr. Stone at a special meeting of the new board of trustees held today at the New York Hilton Hotel. He recalled that the United Israel Appeal was established over 40 years ago to help finance the immigration and resettlement of Jewish pioneers in Palestine, and to support the efforts for the upbuilding of a Jewish National Home. After this goal had been attained through the establishment of Israel, on May 15, 1948, UIA funds -- which, since 1939 were obtained from the nationwide United Jewish Appeal in the U.S. -- became the largest single philanthropic source to help finance the reception and rehabilitation of more than 1,250,000 Jewish immigrants who arrived in Israel during the past 18 years.

The second body involved in the consolidation, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., was established in 1960 for the purpose of allocating the funds made available by the United Israel Appeal for specifically designated philanthropic activities in Israel.

Dewey Stone Explains the Merger of the Two Organizations

"In effecting the consolidation of these two organizations, we are not merely concerned with the desire to achieve a greater degree of operating efficiency," Dr. Stone said. "Our concern is not only with budgeting and administration of programs, but with human lives. The more than 1,250,000 Jews we helped bring to Israel during the past 18 years represent a unique testimony to Jewish survival and Jewish self-help; yet the job is far from complete. There are still hundreds and thousands of Jews the world over who require resettlement and this, too, is our responsibility."

Dr. Stone noted that the merging of the two organizations will "enable us to give recognition to the deep concern of the American Jewish contributor for the continued adequate and effective functioning of these vital philanthropic programs, and offer full scope for the participation and involvement of all sectors of American Jewry throughout the country." He pointed out that, as long as any Jew in need the world over has a right to come to Israel and be assisted in the process of resettlement and rehabilitation "simply because he is a Jew," every American Jew ought to consider it his moral responsibility to contribute to the cost of receiving and resettling these refugees because he, too, is a Jew.

"It has only been because of this unquestioned commitment to mutual assistance and responsibility that Jews have survived the vicissitudes of the past 2,000 years of their history," he declared.

Hammer Reviews Achievements of Both Organizations

Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-president of the United Israel Appeal, Inc. reviewed the achievements of the two organizations involved in the merger over the past six years. He reported that, during this period, a total of over 275,800 persons had been aided through a wide variety of resettlement and rehabilitation services involving a total American contribution of \$190,800,000.

Among the major items included in this total, Mr. Hammer listed: \$54,774,000 for transportation and related activities; \$37,194,000 for reception and initial absorption; \$44,113,000 for resettlement in agricultural communities; \$29,916,000 for immigrant

housing; \$9,000,000 for youth care and training; \$8,839,000 for higher education and related educational and cultural activities; while the balance was spent on administrative services.

Mr. Hammer noted that, despite the extensive and effective network of services financed with these heavy expenditures, the rehabilitation of many of the new arrivals was still far from complete. "The problem of the 'two Israels'," Mr. Hammer declared, "the need for educational facilities; the need for added facilities for the care of the aged and the sick -- these are some of the deficits in our activities which can no longer be swept under the rug."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive and honorary chairman of the Zionist Organization of America, reviewed the history of the United Israel Appeal from its inception in 1925. He noted that the UIA had served not only to unify Zionist fund-raising efforts and subsequently to pave the way for increasing participation of non-Zionist elements in its leadership, but that in joining with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, in establishing the United Jewish Appeal it had become a partner in setting up "the most comprehensive and constructive agency in American Jewish life."

Rabbi Friedman Sees New Organization as Aid to U.J.A. in Communities

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, expressed his confidence that the new organization will help strengthen the work of the UJA in Jewish communities throughout the country. He reported that the UJA campaign was steadily moving upward. Receipts in 1965 were \$3,000,000 ahead over 1964, and there were good chances for a substantial further increase in 1966, he said.

He pointed out that the reason for these increases might be found, at least in part, "in the realization on the part of the contributor that German reparations payments to Israel have been completed and that we must make up for the loss of this source from which part of the resettlement programs could be covered." In addition, he noted that "American Jews become increasingly aware of the many difficult problems involved in absorbing immigrants who arrive in such large numbers."

He stressed that these absorption problems -- including social welfare; improvement of living quarters; youth services, etc. -- will continue to be the focus of the UJA campaign in 1967. "I anticipate that these are the problems which will occupy more and more the attention of our leadership," Rabbi Friedman declared. "And I am happy to know that, through the new structure of the UJA, our reservoir of such attentive leadership will be broadened and strengthened."

Kane Lauds Merger on Behalf of C.J.F.W.F.

Irving Kane, chairman of the overseas service committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, expressed his deep gratification with the merger which had been worked out by the two organizations in close cooperation with the Council. Noting that now "our concern must be with people who depend on this new organization structure," he declared: "This can be a highly effective body, therefore, if it deals creatively and profoundly with the substantive problems involved in immigration, absorption, education and related needs."

"Since we provide only a portion of the funds needed for these programs," Mr. Kane said, "we can best discharge our responsibilities by concentrating on those which will have the greatest significance for the American Jewish contributor and which will have the greatest impact on human needs." He stressed that the new organization "will be responsible for the wise and effective use of funds it receives from the UJA" and concluded: "It follows then that each of us must fulfill his utmost responsibility to help UJA raise all that is required."

CONGRESSIONAL BODY VOTES TO CUT U.S. AID TO ARAB REFUGEES BY \$700,000

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee voted today to cut the United States allocation for the aid of the Arab refugees being helped by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees by \$700,000 during the next year. The U.S.A. has been paying 70 percent of UNRWA's expenses consistently since the aid group was established by the U.N. in 1950, spending on UNRWA to date a total of \$351,000,000. Since 1962, Washington's contribution to UNRWA has amounted to \$24,700,000 each year.

The proposal to cut the UNRWA allocation was made by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, who criticized the failure of the Arab governments where UNRWA operates its refugee camps to aid the rectification of the UNRWA ration rolls. The rolls, he said, are swollen with false claimants and claims on behalf of refugees who died. The

UNRWA rolls now list alleged refugees numbering more than 1, 200, 000 persons, aided in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Farbstein also called the committee's attention to the fact that the Palestine Liberation Organization, anti-Israel fighting arm of the Arab League, has been sending some of its members for training in Communist China on behalf of a "liberation war" against Israel. UNRWA-aided refugees in the PLC continue to receive help from the U.N. organization.

PLO to Send Troops to Fight U.S. Forces in South Viet Nam

While the House committee was discussing U.S. aid to UNRWA and the link of the PLO to Communist China, reports were received here from the Middle East News Agency, in Cairo, about a PLO decision to send its troops to North Viet Nam to fight as guerillas against the U.S. forces in South Viet Nam. The announcement in Cairo was made by Ahmed Shukairy, chairman of the PLO, who said that the troops would, by serving with North Viet Nam, be able "to study in actual surroundings the methods of guerilla warfare which will be used in the inevitable war to liberate Palestine."

The news about PLO's decision was announced in the House of Representatives, as soon as it was received by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican. He demanded that the U.S. sever all aid to countries like Egypt and Syria that permit their territories to be used by military forces "intended for commitment on the Communist side in Viet Nam." The main PLO forces are being trained in Egypt and Syria.

Rep. William Fitts Ryan, New York Democrat, then proposed that a ban on aid to Egypt under the "Food for Freedom" bill previously voted then secretly removed at the request of the Administration, be restored. By voice vote, the House passed Mr. Ryan's proposal.

SHIMON PERES WARNS OF NEW PRO-SOVIET BLOCK IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, Israel's former Deputy Minister of Defense, warned here today of the impending establishment of a new pro-Soviet bloc in the Middle East, as a "new phase in the cold war."

As a result of the recent visit of Soviet Prime Minister Kosygin to Cairo, and the visit to Moscow by Syria's Prime Minister Zayyen, he said, the new Soviet-Arab relationships are "bound to bring about a build-up of arms and tension in the Middle East in the near future."

On the other hand, he declared, there seemed little prospect at present of extending the 1950 Tripartite Declaration, guaranteeing the territorial integrity of all states in the Middle East, into a four-power move that would include the USSR as one of the guarantors. The 1950 Declaration had been issued by the United States, Britain and France, and is still in effect.

Mr. Peres, now general secretary of Israel's latest political party, Rafi, founded by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, held a news conference here today under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America. Jacques Torczyner, ZOA president, explained that, while the ZOA "is not identified with any political party in Israel," Mr. Peres was invited as part of a ZOA program to acquaint American Zionists "with the varied political trends in the Jewish State."

WASHINGTON OFFICIAL URGES AID TO ISRAEL AT BNAI ZION PARLEY

MONTICELLO, June 9. (JTA) -- Israel has convinced the world, during its 18 years of existence, of its capacity, determination and will "to defend its borders and its skies and "this is the great political reality of 1966 in terms of Israel's survival," John F. Penning, Undersecretary of Labor, declared here tonight.

Addressing the opening of the 57th annual convention of Bnai Zion, the American fraternal Zionist organization, Mr. Penning denounced the "madness" of President Nasser of Egypt and stressed that Israel was "in no way a threat" to the security of its Arab neighbors. He contrasted Israel's 8,000 square miles and 2,500,000 people with the 4,400,000 square miles and 101,000,000 people of the 13 Arab countries and called "incredible" any assertion that "Israel jeopardizes the security of the Arab nations of the Middle East."

He also told the 500 delegates that "as Americans, we must give Israel the sinews of life." He urged that American Jews "never forget" that they "must stand watch over the survival of Israel." He also called for educational and study facilities for children of Oriental Jews who have settled in Israel. He said the children were from "deprived cultures" who had come into a "progressive and dynamic" society where they must be educated to the demands of a 20th century society.

MAX M. FISHER DONATES \$500,000 TO DETROIT'S SINAI HOSPITAL FUND

DETROIT, June 9. (JTA) -- A \$500,000 gift by Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Fisher to the Sinai Hospital Fund here was announced today by Nate S. Shapero, president of the hospital's board. Mr. Shapero also announced that the primary purpose of the drive, a proposed \$7,000,000 patient care extension due for completion in 1970, shall bear the Fisher name in recognition of Mr. Fisher's outstanding leadership and service to communal causes on local, national and overseas levels.

The patient care wing and new surgical pavilion will have close to 150 acute beds, boosting the capacity of Sinai to almost 550. The Fisher donation heads a roster of gifts to the hospital by members of the board of trustees and their families. In all, this group has pledged \$1,400,000 to date to the drive, and it is the hospital's hope that the community at large will heed the board's example.

Mr. Fisher is now in his second term as national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and was elected chairman of the board of the United Foundation two weeks ago. He is chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation, director of the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund, vice president of the Hospital Council of Detroit and vice-president of Sinai Hospital. He was chairman of the United Federation Torch Drive five years ago and was the Federation's Butzel Award recipient for his efforts two years ago.

THREE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONS IN ISRAEL FORM UNITED BODY

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- The three Conservative congregations in Israel announced they had organized themselves into a United Synagogue of Israel. The new organization will be affiliated with but will not receive direct financial support from the United Synagogue of America, the association of American Conservative congregations.

DR. KAPLAN'S 85th BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN 500 SYNAGOGUES TOMORROW

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- More than 500 Conservative and Reform synagogues throughout the country will devote special Sabbath services this Saturday to celebrate the 85th birthday of Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement. He was born June 11, 1881, in Lithuania, and launched the Reconstructionist movement in this country in 1935.

According to Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, "this is the first time in a generation that so many synagogues belonging to more than one denomination will focus their attention during one Sabbath service on the lifelong contribution of one Jewish leader of our time."

MILAN JEWISH COMMUNITY PRESIDENT DECORATED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

ROME, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Astorre Meyer, president of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services and of the Milan Jewish Community, was awarded the "Knighthood of Work" award by President Giuseppe Saragat. The occasion was the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Italian Republic.

Mr. Meyer, one of the top Jewish leaders not only in Italy but internationally for his work and contributions, was one of 20 new recipients of the honor for contributions to the progress of Italian society. The award has become a coveted recognition of special merit in the field of public service in postwar Italy.

DR. ISIDOR LUBIN HONORED ON 70th BIRTHDAY; LAUDED FOR HIS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Leaders of all walks in Jewish life, as well as non-Jewish personalities, today honored Dr. Isador Lubin, noted American economist and representative of the Jewish Agency, Inc. in Israel, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

At a luncheon tendered in his honor at the Cosmopolitan Club here, Dr. Dewey Stone, who presided, outlined the services of Dr. Lubin to Jewish causes. Edward M. Warburg spoke of Dr. Lubin's contributions to the work of the Joint Distribution Committee. Other speakers included Dr. Abraham Sachar, president of the Brandeis University; Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America; and Maurice Boukstein, Counsellor of the Jewish Agency. Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-president of the Jewish Agency, Inc., read a number of messages of greetings to Dr. Lubin received at the luncheon.

Dr. Sachar announced that in honor of Dr. Lubin, a Graduate Fellowship Fund has been established at the Brandeis University which will subsidize gifted students. The Fund will carry Dr. Lubin's name.