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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPENS TODAY IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Problems concerning the development of Jewish communal life in this country and Canada, as well as obligations toward helping the absorption of Jewish immigrants in Israel and aid to needy Jewish communities overseas, will be discussed in depth at the 35th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which starts its five-day meetings here tomorrow at the Ambassador Hotel. More than 1,000 top Jewish communal leaders from all over the United States and Canada will attend the Assembly.

The problems on the agenda deal with changes that may be ahead for Jewish federations and welfare funds in the next 10 years. The delegates will discuss the question of how the expanding government involvement in health and welfare service will affect Jewish agencies; what will assure the commitment of young people to Jewish communal life; how can the momentum of increased fund-raising by central Jewish organizations be carried forward to leave the plateaus further behind, and similar other major problems.

Among the major topics also to be discussed by the community leaders are: what is central and what is peripheral to Jewish service and Jewish purpose; changing conditions in the Israeli immigration picture and Israel's economy as well as other overseas matters; how to improve Jewish education here at home at the high school and college levels; the impact of Medicare on Jewish hospitals and homes for the aged; women's communal service; development of leadership; and financing the many and varied services dependent on Federations and Welfare Funds.

Likewise, the General Assembly will address itself to the personnel crisis in Jewish communal service, the war on poverty, changing church-state problems, leadership development, new housing arrangements for the elderly, and federation endowment fund development. Major sessions will deal with changing overseas needs and responsibilities. Irving Kane, of Cleveland, CJFWF past president and chairman of the Council's Overseas Services Committee, and Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, general chairman of the national United Jewish Appeal, will report on rapidly moving events in Israel and other countries.

Irving Blum, of Baltimore, chairman of the CJFWF Campaign Services Committee and campaign chairman of the Associated Jewish Charities in his community, will deliver the keynote statement in the session on "1967 Campaigns -- For How Much and For What?" The statement will serve as the platform for 1967 campaigns. Dr. William Haber, nationally known dean of the University of Michigan, will deliver the annual Herbert R. Abeles Memorial Address at the Assembly.

At its meeting tomorrow, the day before the GA's formal opening, the Large City Budgeting Conference, which represents the 23 largest welfare funds, will review the 1967 budgets of cooperating national and overseas agencies. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is the coordinating body for a worldwide network of communally-supported services which annually spend more than \$650,000,000.

SYRIA AND JORDAN REPORTED CONCENTRATING FORCES ON ISRAEL BORDERS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Increasing nervousness among Syrian and Jordanian troops on Israel's borders was reported today by Israeli officials. Syrian soldiers have fired sporadically throughout the day for a third day on Israeli farm equipment and on passersby near the border. No casualties have been reported.

Police in Jerusalem erected barriers in the vicinity of the demarcation line with Jordan-held Jerusalem to prevent curious Israelis from approaching the border and exposing themselves to possible fire from trigger-happy Jordanian army troops.

The Israeli press, citing foreign sources, published reports today that both Syria and Jordan were concentrating large forces along the Israeli borders following Israel's Sunday reprisal raid against Jordan. Jordan reportedly sent armored units to the Hebron area as well as additional infantry units.

The press reported also that Syria has received more Soviet-made MIG jet fighters from Egypt and that Soviet experts were assisting in the installation of anti-aircraft missile bases around Damascus and in the border area.

ESHKOL ADDRESSES KNESSET ON ISRAEL'S REPRISAL RAID INTO JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol told Parliament today that "God is my witness that we do not want bloodshed to go on on both sides of the border" but "Israeli blood is no less than that of any other."

Addressing a session on Israel's reprisal raid last Sunday against Jordan, the Premier reminded the house of the growing incidence of border attacks from Jordan. He quoted a threat by the Damascus Radio that Syria would turn every house in Israel "into a grave." Let it be clear, the Prime Minister declared, that the Jordanian raid was a warning directed as well to Syria.

He said the Soviet veto of a resolution at the Security Council on November 4, asking Syria to strengthen its borders against terrorist raids into Israel, had aggravated the problem because it made the Arabs "think they can get away with anything, including organized murder." He pointed out that Israel had repeatedly exercised patience, "but even the greatest patience can come to an end," he declared.

Only speakers for the Communist Party and Haolem Hazeh, a fringe party, dissociated themselves from the raid. All other parties voted for a Government motion to discuss the question in committee. Yosef Serlin, speaking for the opposition Gahal Party, declared his faction's unreserved support for the Government on the issue.

Security Council Meets Today on Jordan's Complaint Against Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council will meet in urgent session at 11 a.m. tomorrow to consider Jordan's complaint against Israel stemming from Israel's reprisal raid against Jordan on November 13.

Arthur J. Goldberg, the United States Ambassador to the U.N., who is the November president of the Security Council, set the meeting at the request of Mohammed El Farra, Jordan's permanent representative. Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent delegate, sent a request to the Security Council for permission to speak tomorrow when the debate opens.

The Security Council meeting will be the second in recent weeks stemming from Israel-Arab border tensions. On November 4, the Council ended three weeks of debate on an Israeli complaint against Syria with a Soviet veto of a resolution which "invited" Syria to strengthen measures to prevent terrorist raids into Israel. Ten of the 15 Council members voted for the resolution, including the United States, Britain and France, in addition to the six sponsors.

U.N. REJECTS RESOLUTION ON CUSTODIAN FOR ARAB PROPERTY IN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Efforts to secure the adoption by the General Assembly's Special Political Committee of a resolution calling for the appointment of a United Nations custodian for property in Israel claimed by Arab refugees failed again last night in a vote that was viewed as a major diplomatic victory for Israel. A similar resolution was defeated during last year's Assembly's session.

The Committee last night rejected a resolution sponsored by Afghanistan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Somalia calling on the Secretary-General "to take all appropriate steps to have a custodian appointed to protect and administer Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel and to receive income derived therefrom on behalf of the rightful owners." The vote on the four-nation resolution was 36 in favor, 38 against and 36 abstentions.

Concluding three weeks of debate on the Arab refugee question, the Committee adopted instead a United States resolution calling on all governments concerned to cooperate with the Palestine Conciliation Commission in its efforts to secure repatriation or compensation for the Arab refugees. The vote on the entire U.S. draft was 65 in favor, none against with 45 abstentions.

Before voting on the draft of the United States resolution, the Committee approved three amendments put forward by Somalia, one of which called on the Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Arab Refugees to continue his efforts "including rectification of the relief rolls as to ensure, in cooperation with the governments concerned, the most equitable distribution of relief based on need."

The latter amendment, aimed at weeding out names of dead or non-existent persons on the UNRWA lists of refugees receiving aid, was approved by a vote of 55 in favor, 54 abstentions. It replaced a similar clause in the original United States draft which had also expressed concern over the "limited progress" thus far achieved in the rectification of the relief rolls. Rejected by the Committee was another amendment sponsored by Somalia which singled out Israel and called on her to cooperate with the Palestine Conciliation Commission. This amendment was defeated by a vote of 33 in favor, 39 against with 38 abstentions.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS DISSATISFIED WITH FEDERAL ALLOCATION SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Officials of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious schools warned today they would seek postponement of grants of \$65,000,000 in federal programs for disadvantaged school children in New York City because they were dissatisfied with the way the funds are scheduled to be allocated for religious school pupils.

The threat was made by the Committee of Nonpublic School Officials, which says it represents 400,000 such children in New York City. The committee said it would ask the New York State and Federal governments to hold up the program unless assurances were given that religious school students would benefit "in a comparable and equitable manner" with public school students from the program.

The funds are provided under Title I of the federal program for aid to elementary and second education, which provides about \$1,000,000,000 for such assistance.

The entire federal school aid program meanwhile appeared likely to come under more intensive attack by foes of such aid in the wake of a United States Supreme Court action yesterday which left standing a ruling by the Court of Appeals of Maryland that colleges of sectarian status cannot receive public grants, even when the funds were to have been spent for non-religious purposes. The Maryland high court held that such grants violate the First Amendment ban against an official establishment of religion.

The Supreme Court sidestepped the issue by declining to review the Maryland ruling. The decision does not mean the Supreme Court had approved the Maryland ban.

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture announced today that it expects to allocate funds for the academic year 1967-68, as it has in the past. The Foundation aids programs calling for the development of teacher training in Jewish subjects, rabbinical training, and assists in the establishment of Chairs in Judaica at colleges and universities, the publication of Jewish textbooks, and the development of Jewish educational programs for students at colleges and universities.

Allocations will also be granted in aid of research and publication programs in Jewish fields undertaken by universities and other scholarly institutions, with special attention given to the period of the Nazi holocaust. Aid will be granted too towards the translation and publication of works of major Jewish significance, and the publication of literature in Jewish fields for children and youth.

The Foundation also conducts scholarship and fellowship programs. It will grant scholarships to university students specializing in a Jewish field on a graduate level, and fellowships to persons qualified to carry out independent projects in Jewish scholarship, literature and the fine arts. Applications are to be submitted before the end of December 1966 to the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture here. The applications should contain detailed descriptions of the programs and projects for which funds are requested.

J.W.B. FORMS COMMISSION ON MANPOWER CRISIS IN COMMUNITY CENTERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board today announced the establishment of a JWB Manpower Commission to develop new directions and programs aimed at "overcoming the manpower crisis in the Jewish Community Center field both to fill immediate shortages and cope with long range needs."

The JWB Manpower Commission will consist of 35 to 40 key laymen and professionals drawn from JWB's board of directors, the Center field at large and the existing JWB Personnel Services, Recruitment and Scholarship Committees. The work of the latter three committees will be integrated into the Manpower Commission.

The immediate tasks of the JWB Manpower Commission will be to identify the issues and problems creating the crisis; to outline new directions and programs for dealing with these issues and problems; to unify current JWB manpower programs; to provide operational guidance for JWB manpower projects, and to recommend to JWB's board of directors required new approaches and the resources needed for their implementation. There are now over 160 staff vacancies in the Center field, with an additional 100 vacancies not listed since they are temporarily filled by untrained workers.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER ELECTED AS MAYOR OF SASKATOON; SERVED BEFORE

TORONTO, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Sidney Buckwold was elected mayor of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, according to election reports reaching here today. He had served as mayor from 1958-1964 and resigned then to make an unsuccessful try in the federal elections. His victory was a narrow one, defeating the incumbent mayor by a majority of 196 in a total poll of nearly 30,000. Mr. Buckwold has long been active in Jewish communal life.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADERS IN LATIN AMERICA MEET IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Plans were announced today at the plenary session of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress to convene during the second half of 1967 the Fifth Latin American Conference of Jewish Communities here to stimulate religious and cultural activities among Latin American Jewries.

The decision was taken after a series of reports to the plenary by officials of the executive, including Dr. Moises Goldman, executive chairman, Tobias Kamenszain, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish community and of the Argentine Jewish Communities Federation, Chief Rabbi David Kahane, and Mark Turkow, executive general secretary.

The conference will be convened by the World Jewish Congress, the World Zionist Organization and the Argentine Jewish Communities Federation. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, will participate. Delegates at the plenary session here represented Jewish communities of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

The delegates approved a resolution reiterating earlier appeals of the executive to Soviet authorities to end disabilities affecting Soviet Jews in the religious and cultural fields and urging that Soviet Jews be allowed to emigrate to other countries to be reunited with members of families broken up by the Nazi holocaust.

In another resolution, the executive expressed concern over the resurgence of neo-Nazism in West Germany as indicated by the success of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party in the Hesse Parliamentary elections this month and by the fact that the highest position in West Germany can be occupied by former officials of the Nazi regime. This was a reference to the action of the Christian Democratic Union in nominating Kurt Georg Kiesinger as its nominee for the post of Chancellor.

ORTHODOX RABBINICAL GROUP DENOUNCES PRESIDENT OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox group, denounced today the participation of Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, in a dinner of the Synagogue Council of America, at which he was honored. The SCA is the only national religious group representing all three branches of American Judaism. Participation of Orthodox rabbinical and congregational agencies in the SCA has been the subject of intermittent debate within the Orthodox community.

The Rabbinical Alliance statement, signed by its president, Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht and published as a paid advertisement in The New York Times, declared that it was "shocked beyond belief" by the fact that "the rabbinic head of Yeshiva University" would accept an honor "together with the heads of the Conservative and Reform Seminaries." The dinner also honored Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute, the Reform seminary.

The statement said that despite "all the statements and rationalizations" made by Dr. Belkin, his appearance at the dinner "provided a tacit endorsement of the other 'rabbinic seminaries' as equals of Orthodox Seminaries in the category of Yeshiva University, a 'distressing disservice to Torah Judaism.'"

PRIZE-WINNING FILM ON NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS SHOWN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The American premiere of "Memorandum," the prize-winning documentary on the Nazi wartime slaughter of European Jewry of the National Film Board of Canada was held here under auspices of the World Federation of Bergen Belsen Survivors.

Winner of first prize for documentaries at both the Venice and San Francisco Film Festivals, "Memorandum" examines the question of the guilt of the Germans who killed 6,000,000 Jews and then denied their guilt on grounds they were only following orders of their constituted government. Josef Rosenhaft, president of the federation, paid tribute to the National Film Board of Canada for focussing attention on the moral issue.

AUTO WORKERS UNION CONTRIBUTES \$20,000 TO HISTADRUT INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers today announced the contribution of \$20,000 by his union toward the "growth and expansion" of the activities of Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute in Tel Aviv. The Institute, founded six years ago by Histadrut to help the development of labor leadership in the new nations of Asia and Africa, has won international acclaim for its role in this part of the world.

In his letter of transmittal, addressed to Aharon Becker, general secretary, and Yehoshua Levy, treasurer of Histadrut, Mr. Reuther said that "the UAW has followed with great interest the growth and expansion of the activities of Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute."