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GREATER ISRAEL AID BY AMERICAN JEWRY URGED AT C.J.F.W.F. ASSEMBLY

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A powerful plea for increased aid to Israel by American and Canadian Jewry was voiced here tonight at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds by Max M. Fisher, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. He called for a minimum of \$75,000,000 to be given by Jews in the U.S. to the U.J.A. in 1967, which is \$1,000,000 more than the sum expected to be raised in 1966.

Mr. Fisher, who just returned from Israel, as head of a mission sent by the U.J.A. to study conditions on the spot, presented a dramatic picture on the latest developments in Israel to the more than 1,000 top Jewish communal leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada attending the five-day Assembly. He said that "suddenly," after a dozen years of economic boom, Israel was now facing arising unemployment with 50,000 unemployed already, while thousands more expected to be unemployed before the end of this year.

"Suddenly -- along with the unemployment -- for the very first time in years, there is hunger in the land among the section of the population which is economically weakest," he said. "That section, of course, is the very one about which we are most concerned because it is largely made up of new immigrants whom we brought there."

Declaring that "something drastic has to be done about it," Mr. Fisher told the Assembly: "At least a quarter of a million people -- one out of every five of the million and a quarter immigrants whom we helped bring to Israel -- must be considered 'unabsorbed.' To understand what 'unabsorbed' means, one has to see it. It means suffering for old people; deprivation for little children, growing juvenile delinquency, and growing frustration, bitterness and isolation for large numbers of adults," he said.

Israel's Mounting Economic Problems Seen Burdened by Defense Crisis

The U.J.A. leader emphasized that in addition to border tension, unemployment, deprivation and the absorption crisis, Israel's leaders were confronted at every turn with tremendously difficult situations "for which they must make agonizing -- and even impossible -- decisions." This, he said, was particularly true for the Jewish Agency, which meets the needs of Israel's newcomers and is the main beneficiary of the funds provided by the U.J.A. for overseas aid.

Mr. Fisher also spoke of Israel's defense problem. Citing the latest terrorist acts by Arab infiltrators, he predicted Israel's defense budget was not likely to see any cut-back in 1967 or in the foreseeable future.

Irving Kane, chairman of the CFJWF Overseas Committee, addressing the Assembly, said that he considered the most important problem to be faced in 1967 the need to speed up the transition from immigrants to full citizens of Israel, the change from dependency to self-support. "Almost a quarter of the Jews in Israel today need some form of aid," he said. "They are not only non-contributors to the national economy but are a drain upon it, a serious drain on the nation's economy and a source of cultural and social conflict."

Mr. Kane suggested that surveys should be undertaken immediately to separate out absorption problems which have been bunched together so that appropriate solutions can be developed for them and to enable Israel to get on with its "monumental job" of social engineering. "1967 can be and should be a very different year in overseas aid from the last 20 years," Mr. Kane said. "It can be one of the most constructive years in the history of our aid," he emphasized.

High on the agenda of the CJFWF Committee on Overseas Services, Mr. Kane reported, was the initiation of the discussions among the United Jewish Appeal, the United Israel Appeal and leaders in the United States of agencies aiding higher education in Israel to deal with the problem of proliferation of appeals.

The five-day conclave will consider tomorrow such matters as issues and priorities for federations in the next few years, Jewish participation in public welfare programs, overseas needs in European areas, the personnel crisis in Jewish communal agencies, and related problems.

SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS; DELEGATES CONSIDERING RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council held a brief meeting this morning on Jordan's complaint against Israel and then was adjourned until 3 p.m. tomorrow by Arthur J. Goldberg, this month's president. He announced that many of the delegations wanted more time to consider approaches to a resolution for consideration by the Council.

A factor in the postponement was the desire of the delegates to hear a full report from Lt. Gen. Cdd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Secretary-General U Thant presented to the delegates at yesterday's debate a preliminary report on the Israeli action from Gen. Bull and said the full report would be sent soon. It was indicated that the full report will reach Mr. Thant tomorrow.

Only three countries spoke during the morning session today. They were Argentina, Japan and New Zealand. They, like the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union did yesterday, condemned Israel's Sunday raid. Only the New Zealand delegate, Frank Corner, stated that there were good reasons for Israel's action. Corner spoke about the "ineffectiveness" of the Security Council in the session last month on a complaint by Israel against Syria in connection with the mounting guerrilla raids. He said Israel's complaint then was justified but noted that a resolution asking Syria to act to prevent such raids was vetoed by the Soviet Union.

ZOA Criticizes "Harsh Tone" of U.S. Condemnation of Israel Raid

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, expressed "shock" today at the "harsh tone employed by the United States in censuring Israel's retaliatory action" of last Sunday.

In a statement referring to Ambassador Goldberg's speech in the U.N. Security Council yesterday condemning the raid on Jordan, Mr. Torczyner claimed that it was the "failure" of the United Nations "which has forced Israel to defend itself." He added: "If the Soviet Union had not vetoed a mild resolution" in its last series of meetings "condemning Syria for its repeated aggressions and murderous incursions into Israel, this situation would have been avoided."

Eban Says Guerrilla War Against Israel Poses Unprecedented Problem

LONDON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Israel is still seeking a way to cope with Arab guerrilla warfare which will end such raids against Israel without creating the threat of major warfare, Israel's Foreign Minister, Abba Eban said today in a television interview from Jerusalem broadcast here.

He said that the Arab view was that small guerrilla forces could achieve political results far more effective than confrontations between regular military forces in which Syria or Jordan "would come off badly." He said this belief was a source of special danger because "the technical answer" to such tactics "has not yet been found."

In an interview with the London Guardian correspondent in Jerusalem, Mr. Eban called Syria the "chief instigator" of guerrilla attacks on Israel in recent months. He said Israeli strategy begins with an effort to make its territory as "impenetrable" as possible to incursions while exercising maximum restraint, but that, as a last "and reluctant" resort, Israel would undertake "active deterrence."

Israel Returns Jordanian Raid Captive; Jordan Reenforces Border

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Israel returned to Jordan today one of the soldiers taken prisoner during the reprisal raid in Samu last Sunday. The soldier, a private in the Arab Legion, was handed over to United Nations authorities at Mandelbaum Gate.

A second prisoner, a Jordanian major was wounded, removed to an Israeli hospital and died during an operation undertaken to save his life. His body was handed over to U.N. authorities earlier this week.

Reports received here today said that both Jordan and Lebanon had further reenforced their positions on Israel's borders.

Syria Reported Rushing Work on Water Diversion Against Israel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Syria is rushing work on diversion of the Dufeila, a tributary which provides water to irrigate farm lands of Kibbutz Shamir, Israeli officials said today.

They added that if the Syrians, who have assembled a large number of workers and considerable equipment for the diversion project, succeed in shutting off the flow, the settlement would have to get water from other sources and pump it to its fields and groves.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DROPS PLANS FOR RELIGIOUS QUERY IN NEXT CENSUS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Bureau of Census announced officially yesterday that it would not include any questions on religion in the next decennial population survey to be made in 1970. The Bureau had originally considered such questions for the census replies for which would have been mandatory, but a number of Jewish organizations, including the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, lodged strong objections to the proposal.

In announcing the decision not to include questions on religion in the regular census, A. Ross Eckler, director of the Bureau, said that numerous proposals for a question on church affiliation or preference had been rejected because "a substantial number of persons again expressed an extremely strong belief that asking such a question would infringe upon the traditional separation of church and state."

Mr. Eckler suggested, however, that some form of question on religious preference or affiliation be added at some point during one of the Bureau's interim surveys. "In such a survey," he noted, "response would be voluntary."

11 INTELLECTUALS JOIN IN APPEAL FOR WORLD BOYCOTT OF PASSION PLAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- An appeal for a world boycott of West Germany's Oberammergau Passion Play, to protest a refusal by the village players to discard their "intensely anti-Semitic text," was endorsed here today by 11 leading authors, poets and other cultural personalities.

They joined with the American Jewish Congress in that appeal at a press conference in which they declared that "the teachings of the Vatican Council seemingly have been lost on the residents of Oberammergau." The villagers, who are the players and sponsors of the Passion Play, presented every ten years, rejected last month proposed alternatives to the present script which portrays the Jewish people as the killers of Jesus.

The 11 cultural leaders were Jacob Glatstein, the Yiddish poet and novelist, Critic Irving Howe, Novelist Leslie Fiedler, Critic Alfred Kazan, Poet Nobel Laureate Stanley Kunitz, Arthur Miller, Nobel Laureate in drama; Maurice Samuel, Critic Lionel Trilling, Actor Eli Wallach, Novelist Elie Wiesel, and Theodore Bikel, the folk-singer. Mr. Bikel joined with Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the AJCongress Commission on International Affairs, in issuing the statement which was co-signed by the other 10 personalities.

The statement added that the Oberammergau villagers remained as prejudiced as they were "throughout the Hitler era," and that their position raised questions about the claim there was now "a new Germany with a new spiritual and intellectual atmosphere."

Dr. Prinz said invitations were being sent to leading writers, dramatists and performing artists in Germany and other countries, asking them to join the appeal for the boycott. The signers denounced the "apparently unconquerable bigotry" of the villagers in refusing to discard "discredited canards against the Jewish people."

The Passion Play has been using since 1860 a text by J. A. Daisenberger. Rehearsals for the 1970 performances are scheduled to begin soon in the Bavarian village. Last October 15, the villagers said they had rejected a recently-found text written in 1750 by a Benedictine monk because it "avoids restating the charge of collective decide against World Jewry." Hans Schwaighofer, the play's director, thereupon resigned. The statement today applauded his action.

TRIAL SET FOR ISRAELI RABBINICAL OFFICIAL IN SCULPTOR'S DEATH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- An official of the Ministry for Religious Affairs pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of negligence in the death of David Palombo, the internationally-known Israeli sculptor, who was killed last August when his scooter crashed into a chain across the road to Mount Zion on a Saturday night. The accident revived the controversy in Israel over the role of rabbinic law in Israel.

The magistrate ordered the trial to start in January for Rabbi Amram Blau, who is in charge of Mount Zion maintenance. One of his assignments is to block the road on the Sabbath. The indictment charged that Rabbi Blau failed to take necessary measures to warn drivers after the chain was put in place on that Sabbath. The defendant is not related to the leader of the Neturei Karta zealots organization, who has the same name.

CANADIAN HISTADRUT CONCLAVE PROTESTS ACQUITTAL OF AUSTRIAN NAZI

TORONTO, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Delegates to the 23rd annual Ontario conference of the Israel Histadrut Campaign and the United Organizations for Histadrut protested to the Austrian Government today against the recent acquittal by an Austrian court of Franz Novak, the Eichmann aide charged with responsibility in the mass murder of 400,000 Jews. The resolution on the Novak acquittal was delivered to the Austrian Embassy in Ottawa. The delegates also commended the Canadian Government for recently introducing anti-hate legislation into the Canadian Parliament.

NEGRO LEADER REFUSES TO SPEAK AT CLUB BIASED AGAINST JEWS

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- James Farmer, former executive director of the Council on Racial Equality, refused to lecture tonight in a club charged with discriminating against Jews and Negroes.

The Negro civil rights leader, now Professor of Social Welfare at Lincoln University, was scheduled to speak to the University Club of Lancaster at Meadia Heights Country Club here. When informed by the ADL that the country club was biased, a charge he said he checked and found to be true, he refused to speak there. His lecture was transferred to the Franklin and Marshall College here.

The Negro leader said that he had asked many artists not to speak at places which bar Jews and Negroes. At his request, an Israeli pianist recently cancelled a concert in Mississippi because the hall "discriminated," he said.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS EXPRESSES CONCERN ON GERMAN PARTY GAINS

MONTREAL, N.Y., Nov. 17. (JTA) - The Canadian Jewish Congress declared in a statement today that it viewed with "the gravest concern" the recent electoral gains in West Germany by the National Democratic Party, an extremist group widely considered to be neo-Nazi. The NDP won eight seats recently in the Hesse parliamentary elections, its first in a West German state Parliament.

The Congress said "this electoral success should immediately produce a reflex action on the part of any of those who remember how from very small beginnings a movement grew which was one of the most bestial in world history." The statement said Germany had a duty, "not only to itself but to the rest of mankind, not to generate the same frightful regime."

JEWISH PUBLISHER GIVES \$2, 000, 000 TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A gift of \$2, 000, 000 from Leon Shimkin, Jewish philanthropist and publishing executive, to the New York University capital fund was announced yesterday by Dr. James M. Hester, university president.

Dr. Hester said that the university would modernize its School of Commerce Building in lower Manhattan and name it Shimkin Hall, for use as a classroom and office building. Mr. Shimkin, president of Simon & Schuster, Inc., studied as a young man in the building to be named for him.

ISRAEL MUSEUM TO BE CHANGED TO GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Museum will be incorporated as a Government corporation under a decision taken by the Cabinet. Currently the Museum is a private organization. Its management and board have agreed to the new status. Appropriate legislation will be introduced soon in Parliament.

AMPAL CORPORATIONS DECLARE REGULAR YEAR-END DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Dividends were declared here today by two companies of the AMPAL group of corporations. The Israel Development Corporation declared a year-end dividend of 45 cents per common share payable January 15 to shareholders of record November 30. Ampal-American Israel Corporation declared a dividend of 30 cents per share, equal to a rate of 6 percent on its 4 percent preferred stock payable February 6 to shareholders of record December 31.

MRS. SOL HENKIND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Mrs. Sol Henkind of Scarsdale was elected president of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America at the concluding session today of the organization's national convention. She succeeds Mrs. Albert Fried who served in the post four years.

WILLIAM ZORACH, FAMOUS JEWISH PAINTER, DIES AT 79 IN MAINE

BATH, Me., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A private service was held here today for William Zorach, the Lithuanian-born Jewish artist whose sculptures included Biblical figures, who died here Tuesday night at the age of 79.

Zorach rose from the background of poverty of his immigrant parents, who fled Czarist persecution of the Jews, to become one of the most successful artists, with his works being exhibited in more than 80 museums and galleries. His last work was of two women and a child entitled "The Wisdom of Solomon."