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J.D.C. ANNUAL MEETING ADOPTS \$23,347,500 BUDGET FOR 1967 ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A budget of \$23,347,500 for relief and rehabilitation work in 1967 in 30 countries, including Israel, was adopted today at the 52nd annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee attended by more than 400 Jewish communal leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada. Louis Broido was reelected JDC chairman for a second term.

Mr. Broido, in his presidential report, told the assembled leaders of his on-the-spot studies of the Jewish situation in various countries during 1966 and indicated that he intends to make such studies also early next year by visiting Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and France where the JDC is engaged in providing relief for tens of thousands of Jews. He appealed "to every American Jew" to support the work of the JDC through the United Jewish Appeal in 1967 and help feed, shelter and save thousands of Jews still in need in many overseas countries.

The 1967 budget adopted today includes \$6,400,000 for Malben work conducted by the JDC in Israel; \$5,100,000 for aid to Jews in Arab and Moslem countries; \$3,400,000 for needy Jews in European countries; \$2,000,000 for ORT and reconstruction; \$3,250,000 for relief-in-transit; \$850,000 for religious and cultural activities in Israel; and the remainder for various other JDC programs.

In addition to reelecting Mr. Broido, the meeting elected Jack D. Weiler as chairman of the JDC National Council and Judge Nachum S. Winnet as vice-chairman. Others elected included: Edward M.M. Warburg and James N. Rosenberg, honorary chairmen; I. Edwin Goldwasser, honorary treasurer; James H. Becker, of Chicago, I. Edwin Goldwasser, Monroe Goldwater, Walter A. Haas of San Francisco, Edwin Rosenberg, William Rosenwald, Joseph J. Schwartz and Jack D. Weiler, all vice chairmen; Joseph I. Lubin and Irving H. Sherman were elected co-treasurers.

Charles H. Jordan was reelected executive vice-chairman and director general; Samuel L. Haber, assistant executive vice-chairman; and Dorothy L. Speiser, secretary and assistant treasurer. Presentations were made to James N. Rosenberg and I. Edwin Goldwasser for five decades of service.

U.J.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS TONIGHT; WILL SET 1967 GOAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A four-day national conference of the United Jewish Appeal will open here tomorrow to map plans for aid to Jews in various countries and to accelerate Jewish immigration to Israel, as well as to set the goal for the UJA fund-raising campaign in 1967. More than 2,500 Jewish communal leaders from all over the country will attend the conference.

Highlight of the four-day conference sessions will be the inaugural dinner tomorrow which will be addressed by Gov. George Romney of Michigan, Sir Isaac Wolfson of Great Britain and Baron Edmond de Rothschild of France. The conference banquet which will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel on Saturday evening will be addressed by Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, Max M. Fisher, UJA general chairman, Foreign Minister of Israel Abba S. Eban, and Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. In addition, the following overseas Jewish leaders will also participate -- Max Mazin, of Madrid, Spain; Werner Nachmann of Baden, West Germany, Gunnar Josephson of Stockholm, Sweden, and Moyses Kauffmann of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"It will be truly inspirational to hear from these distinguished representatives of our people in other countries," Mr. Fisher said, "since among the most heartening achievements of the UJA was our help in resettling in Latin America thousands of Jewish refugees from Nazism and in reconstructing the shattered Jewish communities of Western Europe after the defeat of Hitlerism."

In setting the United Jewish Appeal's nationwide fund-raising objectives for the coming year, the conference delegates will be guided by the report of the 200-man 12th UJA Overseas Study Mission which recently completed its on-the-spot survey of UJA-supported programs in Israel, Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, as well as by the budgetary presentations of the beneficiary agencies which carry out these programs.

EBAN TO DISCUSS IN U.S. DEVICES TO SAFEGUARD ISRAEL BORDERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, left today for the United States where he will discuss, among other matters, a suggestion for installation of radar and highly-sensitive acoustic devices to safeguard Israel's borders against guerrilla infiltration.

Mr. Eban said the proposal had not been made formally by any United States source to Israel but that Israel was ready to discuss any suggestion to increase security on its borders while the sovereignty of the state was safeguarded. Officials in Washington had been cited, without attribution, as believing such electronic devices might help to end border incursions and the threat of Israel reprisals.

Mr. Eban will meet with United Nations Secretary General U Thant; Arthur J. Goldberg, the American Ambassador to the United Nations; and Deputy Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach. In New York, Mr. Eban will speak at the annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal this weekend. In Pittsburgh he will speak at the Israel Bond drive. On his return next Wednesday via Paris, he will meet with Maurice Couve de Murville, the French Foreign Minister.

ISRAEL TO SELL TO U.S. FIRM \$10, 000, 000 WORTH OF AIRCRAFT PARTS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Israel's Aircraft Industries, a subsidiary of the Defense Ministry, will export to a United States firm 30, 000, 000 pounds (\$10, 000, 000) worth of spare parts for aircraft.

Al Shwimmer, director of the Israeli firm, left for the United States to conclude negotiations on the transaction with the American firm, described as one of the largest in the United States. It was indicated that the parts will be usable for both military and civilian aircraft.

ISRAEL RESUMES SENDING CONVOY TO MT. SCOPUS; NO INCIDENTS REPORTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The regular monthly convoy to the Israeli enclave on Mount Scopus, which is completely surrounded by Jordanian-held territory, went up to exchange the police personnel today after it was delayed two weeks because of the tension following the Israeli reprisal raid on the Jordanian village of Samua.

The convoy, accompanied by United Nations jeeps, made its way through the populated Jordanian streets without incident on its way up to the hilltop site of the old Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital buildings. The Jordanian authorities imposed no curfew on pedestrians or traffic as the convoy passed through the streets with Jordanians seen going about their business as usual.

ISRAEL DOES NOT PERMIT LANDING OF 'BEATNIKS'; SENDS THEM BACK

HAIFA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Three young men described by Israeli officials as "beatniks" arrived here from Turkey today with an announcement they had no means or money for self-support and wanted to remain in Israel.

The three men, an American, Dutch and Dane, were ordered to stay aboard while their respective consuls were asked whether they would guarantee the return of the three to their countries. When the consuls indicated they would not give such guarantees, the three men were ordered returned on the same boat, though they had no return tickets.

2, 000 STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN NEW YORK FOR RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- More than 2, 000 students and faculty members of all faiths and representing a number of institutions of higher learning in the New York area braved the threat of rain this evening to take part in a "Torchlight Procession for Soviet Jewry" sponsored by the Columbia University Committee on Soviet Jewry on the Columbia campus. The procession marked the start of a "campaign of concern" for the Jews of the USSR which was launched by the sounding of the shofar.

Among the institutions and organizations whose students, faculty or members participated in the procession were: The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Union Theological Seminary, General Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, City University, New York University, Hunter College, Queens College, Yavneh, the National Religious Jewish Students Association and the Student Zionist Organization.

BUDAPEST JEWISH COMMUNITY SENDS 20, 000 RELIGIOUS BOOKS TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A collection of 20, 000 volumes of religious works sent to Israel by the Jewish community of Budapest arrived here today. The books will be distributed to universities and public libraries.

JEWS IN SPAIN THANK FRANCO FOR LEGISLATION ON FREEDOM OF RELIGIONS

MADRID, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Max Mazin, leader of Madrid's community of 2,000 Jews, has publicly expressed his thanks to Chief of State Francisco Franco for the new constitutional legislation just approved by the Spanish Parliament and expected to be ratified by popular vote when it is submitted on December 14 to a national referendum, it was announced here today. The law declares the principle of religious freedom, whereas previously the Government recognized only the Roman Catholic Church.

The text of Mr. Mazin's telegram to Generalissimo Franco was as follows: "In behalf of the Jewish communities of Spain, I wish to express publicly the profound satisfaction and gratitude of the Jews of the country to Your Excellency, for the proposed granting of religious freedom, by modifying Article 6 of the Spanish Charter, and thus establishing a juridical and legal framework in accordance with the inalienable rights of mankind, regardless of creed. Looking forward to the early promulgation of this law, we foresee a future of harmonious co-existence in keeping with the best tradition of the remote but unforgettable Jewish-Spanish past, for the increased glory and greatness of Spain."

AUSTRIAN COURT SENTENCES EX-NAZI FOR MASS-KILLING OF JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A Vienna jury court sentenced yesterday to a 10-year prison term a former SS man for participation in the mass-killing of Jews in the Treblinka death camp.

Leopold Lanz was found guilty of shooting two boys, 12 and 13 years of age, and of trampling pregnant women to death. The jury rejected the defense argument that Lanz acted under "order duress," meaning he had no choice but to follow orders.

SO. AFRICAN PREMIER RECEIVES DELEGATION OF BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews called today on Premier John Vorster in his office in Pretoria to convey the good wishes of South African Jewry on his assumption of the post of Premier. The delegation members included Dr. Teddy Schneider, president of the board; Maurice Porter, vice-chairman; Jack Rich, secretary, and David Mann.

The delegation also called on State President Charles Swart to felicitate him on his 72nd birthday. Both the Premier and the State President expressed appreciation for the visits.

NO WIDESPREAD ASSIMILATION OF U.S. JEWS FORESEEN IN PRESENT GENERATION

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community was reported here today as having a high rate of acculturation -- acceptance of new culture traits -- but a very low rate of assimilation. The report was presented by Dr. Marshall Sklare, professor of sociology at Yeshiva University, in an address he delivered at the annual convention of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America, held at the Americana Hotel here.

"There is no expectation that widespread assimilation will take place in the present generation," he said. However, he predicted that American Jewry may face its "survival crisis" within the next two generations. The next generation of American Jews, he said, would face greater difficulty in conveying the "increasingly diffuse Jewish heritage" to their children. The crisis may come at that juncture, he said.

The form of the crisis, said Dr. Sklare, would not be the "vanishing" of most of American Jewry but a "shaking out process" in which some Jews would remain Jews and the others would assimilate. A polarization could take place in which the strongly committed Jews would coalesce into a solid core group and the less committed Jews -- the "marginal" or "peripheral" group -- would lose a certain percentage of its people.

The core group may then consist of between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 people, said Dr. Sklare. These people would be the Jews involved in the structures and institutions of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish life. The secular Jews, who are not involved in any of these religious movements, were most in danger of losing their Jewish identity, he said.

This secularist group, he continued, has no "organized educational or institutional framework" for its people. This group, which had been active in the Socialist and Yiddish culture movements, shows the "poorest prognosis" for survival, he said. In spite of this, the "deep desire" on the part of Jews to retain their identity must not be underestimated, he declared. The predictions of a generation ago, which stressed the disintegration of the Jewish community, have been invalidated. "American Jews are retaining bonds with the Jewish community," in spite of acculturation, he said.

ISRAEL CELEBRATES CHANUKAH; JERUSALEM CANCELS TORCHLIGHT PARADE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The traditional Chanukah menorahs appeared in windows of homes throughout the nation today as Israelis prepared for the lighting of the first candle of the holiday tonight and the eight-day-long celebration of the Feast of Lights.

While children in the cities and settlements were looking forward to gifts and money and the general festivities, many parts of the country showed the signs of the economic recession with the Jerusalem Municipality deciding to cancel its traditional torchlight parade by youth organizations.

BARON ROTHSCHILD PRESENTS 15th-CENTURY MANUSCRIPT TO JEWISH SEMINARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A 15th-Century Hebrew manuscript on vellum was presented to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America yesterday by Baron Edmund de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the noted Jewish family of bankers and philanthropists.

The baron presented the manuscript, considered to be among the top half-dozen of such rarities, to Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the seminary, as a gesture of appreciation to the seminary. In making the presentation, the baron told Dr. Finkelstein how much he had been shocked by the fire which ravaged the seminary's library last April.

The gift was made in response to the seminary's action in returning to the Rothschilds in 1950 a superb 15th-Century manuscript. The seminary had received the manuscript on approval from a German dealer who had received it from a German soldier who had obtained it during World War II. The seminary discovered that the manuscript was the property of the Rothschilds and restored it to them. The Rothschilds presented it to Israel's National Library.

The gift to the seminary was executed in Florence, Italy, and bears on the flyleaf the name of the scribe, Abraham Yehouda, and a date, 24 Adar, 5253, corresponding to March or April 1492. It is a liturgical work containing many poems, treatises on Jewish ritual, on astronomy and on the Jewish calendar. The un-numbered pages total between 600 and 700 with more than 100 full-page illuminations. Most of the vellum pages are still white.

FARBAND AND HILLEL FOUNDATIONS TO FURTHER YIDDISH IN UNIVERSITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A series of projects to further an interest in Yiddish language, literature and culture on the university campuses, is being undertaken jointly by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and the Farband Foundation, according to a joint announcement made public here today by Jacob Katzman, general secretary of Farband-Labor Zionist Order, and Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, national Hillel director.

"Taking cognizance of the growing interest that is being manifested by students and faculty in many universities in Yiddish, its cultural heritage and present creative expression, the joint program will undertake to provide the facilities and tools for acquiring a deeper knowledge of the Yiddish culture," the announcement said.

The Farband Foundation will make available outstanding poets, writers, lecturers, dramatic artists and scholars, who will be presented by Hillel Foundations on the campuses. Through this confrontation with present-day creators of Yiddish culture, it is hoped to establish a living link between Jewish youth and this vital part of its people's heritage. In addition, Hillel Foundation libraries and music rooms will be provided by the Farband Foundation with basic works of Yiddish literature, both in the original and in English translations, and with collections of records of Yiddish folk songs and dramatic readings.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS RECEIVE GRANT FOR JEWISH STUDY IN COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Charles E. Merrill Trust to encourage Jewish study, scholarship and research among Jewish faculty members on the university campus, it was announced here. It is the second Merrill Trust grant to the Hillel Foundations for the development of organized programs "that seek to familiarize the Jewish intellectual on the campus with Jewish thought and affairs."

(The Charles E. Merrill Trust also awarded \$25,000 to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago to help meet the 1966 operating deficits of Federation-supported institutions.)

PRIZES FOR YIDDISH LITERATURE AWARDED TO AUTHORS IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Two Yiddish authors -- Menucha Rom, of Paris, and Moshe Jungman, of Israel -- were awarded here today the annual Joseph Cpatoshu Prizes for Yiddish literature. Miss Rom received her citation for her book, "Winds," and Mr. Jungman was honored for his work, "White Towers." Each prize is \$300.