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Israel Cabinet Approves Measures Taken After Withdrawal of U.N. Troops

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today approved measures taken over the weekend by the Government in reaction to the withdrawal from the Gaza strip border of the United Nations Emergency Force and the massive troop build-up by Egyptian forces along the Israeli border. The Cabinet approved the measures, which included a partial call-up of the reserves, after the Ministers heard briefings on the tense security situation from Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin.

During the three-hour session, Acting Labor Minister I. Galili presented to the Cabinet a decree empowering the Government to call up and retain civilians for essential jobs and services to keep the economy of the nation running normally if a massive mobilization should be required. No such civilians have yet been ordered to essential jobs under the decree. No other details of the lengthy Cabinet session were disclosed by the Government spokesman.

Mr. Eban sent special messages today to the foreign ministers of all major powers, stressing the dangers inherent in Egypt's build-up of its military forces in the Sinai Peninsula. In his messages, Mr. Eban stressed that Israel is doing and will do all in her power to maintain peace in the Middle East area, but emphasized also that a situation might arise when Israel would be compelled to act in self-defense.

A spokesman for the Israeli army officially confirmed here last night that Israel has called up into active service part of its army reserves. The spokesman said this was done "in view of the large-scale build-up of the Egyptian army in the Sinai, coupled with the withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force." Declining to reveal the extent of Israel's reserve call-up, the spokesman said only that the call was limited.

There has been no cessation of Arab terrorism along Israel's borders. The army spokesman said that, yesterday afternoon, two charges of explosives were discovered under a bridge on the Beersheba-Arad road. The charges were diffused by the Israeli patrol that discovered them, and no damage resulted. Footprints of two men were found leading to the nearby Jordanian border, the spokesman added.

Israelis Satisfied with Stand of U.S., Britain and Canada

In general, Israeli sources noted here today, Israel is satisfied with the positions taken publicly regarding the UNEF's withdrawal by the United States, Canada and Britain, all of whose leading diplomats have expressed dissatisfaction with the U.N.'s hasty agreement to Egypt's request for UNEF's withdrawal. Some sources here said they could not understand why France has, so far, remained silent on this issue, but it was understood here that the Paris Government, considered Israel's staunchest ally, is working behind the scenes to help pacify the Middle East situation.

For the time being, except for alertness regarding the Middle East military situation, it was felt that the crisis is more political, rather than military. U. Thant's forthcoming visit to Cairo is going to be observed here with great care. There was just some likelihood, it was said here, that the U.N. Secretary-General might find it possible to visit also Israel after he had concluded his talks with Nasser and other Egyptian leaders in Cairo.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, was believed to have been told by Israel today that Israel would not resume its participation in the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission. This became known here after Gen. Bull conferred with Israeli officials at the Israel Foreign Ministry this afternoon.

The proposal that Israel resume its participation in the EIMAC was made yesterday by U. Thant in his report on the current Middle East critical situation to the Security Council. It was the only positive recommendation made in that lengthy report by the U.N. chief. Israel has been boycotting the EIMAC since 1956, when during the Sinai campaign, it denounced its 1949 armistice agreement with Egypt. The Commission still maintains headquarters at Gaza, in the Egyptian-controlled area, but has no office on the Israeli side.

U.N. Secretary-General Leaves Today for Egypt to Discuss Arab-Israel Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 21. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary-General U Thant will leave tomorrow for Cairo to discuss with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser the Arab-Israel situation, following the withdrawal this weekend of the U.N. Emergency Force from the Gaza Strip and from Egyptian territory at Nasser's request.

Mr. Thant, as well as heads of delegations representing major powers at the United Nations, indicated during the weekend that they consider the newly-created situation "dangerous" and a potential threat not only to the peace in the area but also to world peace in general.

Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chief of the U.S. delegation, voiced yesterday the "profound" regret of the U.S. Government over Mr. Thant's decision to accede to Egypt's sudden and unexpected call for the withdrawal. At the same time he pledged the U.S. Government's absolute support to Mr. Thant's current efforts to restore peace and stability to the Middle East area.

Pending Mr. Thant's return here from Cairo, scheduled for next Friday, it was expected that no call would be issued for a meeting of the Security Council on the explosive Arab-Israel situation. However, Ambassador Goldberg has made it clear that "a meeting of the Security Council on this situation is not excluded." Mr. Goldberg, Lord Caradon of Britain, Roger Seydoux of France and Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko, of the Soviet Union, were busy today conferring with one another and with other leading members of the diplomatic corps at the United Nations, especially with representatives of states that are members of the 15-nation Security Council.

Ambassador Goldberg announced that, because of the developments in the Arab-Israel conflict, he was canceling a trip he had scheduled to Geneva early this week. With regard to Mr. Thant's trip to Cairo, he said: "In light of the extreme gravity of the current situation in the Middle East and the state of tension prevailing there, the United States greatly welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to travel to that area in an effort to assure peace. We have already expressed our profound regret about the decision to withdraw UNEF from the area."

Ambassador Goldberg added: "The United States of course would not wish to initiate any steps which might interfere with the Secretary-General's efforts to pacify the situation in the Middle East. Nevertheless, conscious of the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security, we shall continue to give the closest attention to developments and will be consulting further with other Council members to review what other constructive steps may be required in the interest of maintaining peace in the area."

U.S. Jewish Groups Ask U.S. for Reaffirmation of Commitment to Israel

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations expressed deep alarm today over the crisis in the Middle East, criticized the decision by U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to withdraw the United Nations Emergency Force, and called on President Johnson to reaffirm United States support of Israel's security.

The American Jewish Committee, concluding its 61st annual meeting, in New York, urged Washington's "immediate and unequivocal reaffirmation of the fundamental U.S. commitment to Israel as a matter of critical importance."

The American Jewish Congress, in a statement adopted by its national governing council, expressed deep anxiety over the current developments in the Middle East. It urged President Johnson to take immediate action for the preservation of the borders and territorial integrity of the Middle East states under the Tripartite Declaration to that effect issued by the U.S.A., Britain and France in 1950.

A special meeting of the American Zionist Council, today, stated that the withdrawal of UNEF has resulted in escalation of the tensions on the Arab-Israeli borders and declared the AZC's confidence that the United States Government "will stand by its commitment to safeguard the territorial integrity and security of Israel."

On behalf of the leading Conservative, Orthodox and Reform organizations in the United States, the Synagogue Council of America expressed its "profound concern over the deteriorating situation in the Middle East."

Anxiety over developments in the Middle East was also expressed by the American section of the World Jewish Congress today, in a telegram to President Johnson. The wire expressed the organization's "deep sense of anxiety at the grave developments in the Middle East, resulting from Egyptian mobilization and the ouster of the UNEF." It appealed "earnestly" to the President that he "use the full extent of American influence for the preservation of peace." The telegram was signed by Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the American section of the WJC; Jacob Katzman, chairman of the section's administrative committee; and Max Melamet, executive director of the section.

U.S. Conferring with Russia and Other Governments on Israel-Arab Crisis

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- The United States has conferred with other governments, including the Soviet Union, to quiet the crisis in the Middle East, a State Department spokesman said today. But the spokesman added that the Department had no confirmation of reports that President Johnson has made an urgent personal appeal to Moscow for cooperation for concerted diplomatic action to keep the Arab-Israel conflict under control.

A report carried in the press here today, attributed to the London Sunday Times, stated that President Johnson had made secret approaches to Moscow to seek Soviet cooperation. The report said that Russia assured Washington of "firm interest in preserving peace there." The report also maintained that, should this initiative fail, President Johnson would seek cooperation with Britain and France under the 1950 Tripartite Declaration pertaining to the Armistice lines in the Middle East.

Official sources said here they doubted that the Tripartite agreement was currently viable because the cooperation of the three countries that existed in 1950 is no longer in effect. These sources also said that Washington, in order to protect its links with pro-Western Arab governments, wishes to avoid unilateral involvement in defense of Israel.

President Johnson views mounting tensions between the Arab states and Israel with "deep concern," White House spokesman George Christian said this weekend. Mr. Christian told the press at the White House that President Johnson is keeping in close touch with the situation.

Both Houses of Congress to Get Resolutions Today on the Crisis

Congress this weekend indicated strong disapproval of the decision by U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to remove UNEF from Egypt, and indicated that resolutions may be proposed tomorrow in the Senate and House to demand American initiatives for an expanded rather than reduced UNEF operation to keep peace. A strong denunciation of the UNEF withdrawal was voiced by a confidant and leading supporter of President Johnson, Sen. Henry M. Jackson, Washington Democrat, a member of the important Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. Jackson charged that U Thant "has pulled the props out from under the precarious Near East peace" by his "precipitate action in withdrawing the U.N. buffer that has helped keep the peace between Israel and the Arabs." He urged the U.N. Secretary-General "to call an emergency meeting of the General Assembly and move rapidly to establish some kind of effective U.N. presence in the turbulent Near East." He said that U Thant "violated all canons of courage, good sense and responsibility" in failing to consult with the General Assembly and Security Council on maintenance of peace in time to keep an effective U.N. presence.

Administration sources, declining to be quoted, said that the White House was surprised by the speed of U Thant's capitulation to President Nasser's demand. It was interpreted as an Afro-Asian rebuff to President Johnson's policies in Viet Nam. The United States had urged U Thant to stall on removal of UNEF until the situation could be cooled off. A personal appeal was reportedly made to U Thant. The sources said that they especially regretted the rapid UNEF withdrawal because the United States had counted on the U.N. to keep peace in the area, since America, because of its ties with Jordan and Saudi Arabia, could not afford to become unilaterally linked with Israel's defense.

Members of Senate Criticize U.N. Secretary-General's Action

Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, described U Thant's action a "shocking development." He said the only force that could maintain peace was being withdrawn. Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Connecticut Democrat, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed that the Senate adopt a resolution calling for retention and augmentation of UNEF. Rep. Alphonzo Bell, a California Republican, said he would seek a discussion of the crisis on the House floor.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, urged an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council to avert war in the Near East. He said, "If there has ever been a time for the U.N. to show it is capable of heading off actual hostilities, this is it." Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat, in a Senate statement, expressed concern over rising tensions in the Arab-Israel issue and said: "We should take every further opportunity to remind all nations in the Near East that the United States stands firmly opposed to any aggression in that part of the world." Citing Egypt's demands for withdrawal of UNEF, and heavy Egyptian troop movements, the Senator recalled that the situation was precipitated by terrorist raids from Syria into Israel.

Rep. Frank Horton, New York Republican, accused the U.N. of "knuckling under to a saber-rattling aggressor." He said the United States should immediately bring the crisis before the Security Council. Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, deplored the removal of UNEF and said: "In the abdication of the U.N., a firm statement should be made by the United States Government that the closing by Egypt of the Straits of Tiran would be viewed as an act of utmost gravity."

Shazar Arrives in Ottawa as Guest of Canadian Government; Gets Official Welcome

OTTAWA, May 21, (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar of Israel began his official visit to Canada today in an official ceremony held on Parliament Hill here where he was welcomed by Governor General Ronald Michener, Prime Minister Lester Pearson, the entire Canadian Federal Cabinet, members of the Diplomatic Corps, a guard of honor and a salute of 21 guns.

President Shazar and his party left Montreal at noon on a special train provided by the Canadian Government. At the Ottawa railroad station, the President was welcomed by the Canadian Chief of Protocol and was escorted in a motorcade to Parliament Hill. After reviewing the special guard of honor, Mr. Shazar was greeted by the Governor General and the Prime Minister of Canada. In his response, President Shazar expressed the gratitude of the people of Israel, Mrs. Shazar and himself for the Canadian invitation to participate in the Centennial celebration of Canada.

The President expressed Israel's appreciation for the well-fostered friendly relations which have developed between the two countries and also voiced Israel's hope and desire for peace to prevail everywhere. In concluding his address, President Shazar declared: "Today, from our far-off old-new land far from you in space but close to you in heartfelt sympathy, we bring to the celebration of your centenary tidings of thankfulness for the strong ties of friendship between you and us, and of hope and prayer that your great country may continue to flourish and that true peace and brotherhood may reign amongst all the nations of the world."

The President and Mrs. Shazar were cheered by the crowd that surrounded Parliament Hill. After the diplomatic corps and the Federal Cabinet were introduced to the President, Mr. Shazar and his party left Parliament Hill for Government House where he is staying as the guest of the Governor General. In the evening, Governor General and Mrs. Michener were the hosts at a state dinner for President and Mrs. Shazar at Government House and attended by the Canadian Cabinet as well as by distinguished leaders from all walks of life.

Comments on Egypt's Concentration of Troops At Israel's Border

Before leaving Montreal, President Shazar received this morning a delegation from the Canadian Jewish Congress, headed by Samuel Bronfman. The delegation included leaders of major Canadian Jewish organizations as well as of allied Jewish community services. Last night, the President received a delegation of the Farband-Labor Zionist Organization and Mrs. Shazar received a delegation from the Pioneer Women of Canada.

On his arrival in Montreal, President Shazar said: "It is not our intention, in the least, to provoke or attack any of our neighbors, but if it is Egypt's intention to provoke us, or Syria's policy to continue aggressive actions against our territory, there can be no doubt that we will defend our state and people as we should."

The President, in his statement, replied to a reporter who asked him about the current situation in the Middle East. The President said that "the very fact that my trip to represent Israel at the Centennial celebration of Canada, has proceeded as it was planned many weeks ago, should serve as proof that Israel is not overcome by nervousness, even though it is deeply concerned by the hostile concentration of Egyptian troops. We wish to hope that the nations of the world will distinguish clearly between aggressors and defenders and that all who love peace will help us to ensure the peace and tranquil development of our country and the entire Middle East."

President Shazar will receive tomorrow morning, Prime Minister Pearson for talks and later will pay visits to the Ottawa City Hall and the Jewish Community Center here. After attending a luncheon to be given by Prime Minister Pearson, President Shazar and his party will travel by the special presidential train back to Montreal where he will be accorded an official reception by Mayor Jean Drapeau.

American Jewish Committee Reelects Abram; Bertram Gold Succeeds Dr. Slawson

NEW YORK, May 21, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee concluded its four-day annual meeting today with the reelection of Morris B. Abram as president of the organization. Bertram H. Gold, executive director of the Jewish Centers Association of Los Angeles, was chosen as executive director succeeding Dr. John Slawson, who is retiring after 24 years as executive head of the AJCommittee. Dr. Slawson has become executive vice-president emeritus.

At the concluding session, it was announced that the AJCommittee is establishing the first all-inclusive Jewish Oral History Collection, to "chronicle and preserve the rich and unique American Jewish experience of the last seven decades." The Collection will eventually include thousands of tapes, with accompanying transcriptions, of interviews, speeches, reminiscences, conversations, poems, and sermons.

Mr. Gold, 51-year-old clinical psychologist and social worker, and native of Toronto, is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Western Reserve University, Cleveland. Prior to his current position in Los Angeles, he was involved in Jewish community work in Pittsburgh, Toronto, and Newark, N.J. He has served on the faculties of Columbia University and of the Universities of Pittsburgh, Toronto, Pennsylvania, Southern California, and California in Berkeley.

American Jewish Committee Reports on Elimination of Anti-Jewish Business Practices

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- American business, when confronted with evidence of anti-Jewish discrimination in its ranks, is visibly taking steps to rid itself of such practices, Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, reported at the annual meeting of the organization which closed here today after four days of deliberation.

"We seem to be heading into a new era in this work," Mr. Abram said, "Up to this point the thrust has been largely to prove to American business, whether or not it has been aware of it, that discrimination has been far too common. Now we are in the heartening position of finding American business saying to us, in effect, yes, we have been wrong, and we want you to show us how we can change."

Mr. Abram, who is a member of the President's National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity, explained first that the American Bankers Association, trade association for the nation's 15,000 commercial banks, earlier this month had renewed a pledge to promote equal employment and promotion opportunities within the banking system. He also pointed out that, in conversations with Dr. Charles E. Walker, executive vice-president of the American Bankers Association, he had learned that the organization was already engaged in a comprehensive program to carry out the principles implied in its pledge. Among these steps are the following:

1. Branches of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations on 250 college campuses throughout the country are being urged by ABA officials to encourage Jewish students to take advantage of opportunities in banking. Each chapter of Hillel, the major organization with a cultural and religious program for Jewish college students, has received copies of a new ABA career brochure on banking.

2. "Banking," official monthly publication of the ABA, is planning a series of articles on non-discrimination, including one devoted to the executive suite problem.

3. The annual convention of the ABA, to be held September 24-27, 1967, in New York City, will include a session Tuesday, September 26, on "Equal Opportunity." About 1,500 banking executives are expected to attend.

4. Placement offices of graduate schools of business, which are the main recruiting ground for executive banking personnel, are being contacted so that students can be alerted to the banking industry's current wide search for trained and talented young people without concern for ethnic background.

5. The curriculum of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, conducted by the ABA at Rutgers University, will include the subject of discrimination and minority employment problems in its curriculum.

6. The ABA is currently preparing information for its own bank members outlining the expectations of the U.S. Government on just how banks must act to conform with Federal regulations that they refrain from discriminating against employees or applicants because of race, color, creed, or national origin. Under regulations that took effect last November 30, approximately 95 percent of the nation's commercial banks are considered Government contractors since they handle Federal funds.

Mr. Abram pointed out that the new program of the American Bankers Association followed the release of a report by the American Jewish Committee on executive suite employment practices of the nation's 50 largest commercial banks, and subsequent meetings both with individual banks throughout the country and with leaders of the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Abram also reported that the top managements of New York City's mutual savings banks, which were revealed by the AJC's New York Chapter in October 1965 as engaging in "de facto discrimination" against Jews, had increased the number of their Jewish executive trustees by more than one-third. "It is difficult to overemphasize the importance of this program of the nation's banking community," he stated. "For the banks, controlling as they do the nation's economic lifelines, are not only one of the most powerful centers of decision-making, they are among our major style-setters for corporations.

In addition to the industry-wide action of the two banking groups, Mr. Abram revealed some preliminary results of a year-long study, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, on the hiring and upgrading practices of three individual large manufacturing concerns in the Cleveland-Akron area.

Removal of Anti-Jewish References from Catholic Textbooks Reported

Philip E. Hoffman, who was elected chairman of the AJC executive committee at the annual meeting, reported that a movement is now going on in many parts of the world to remove hostile

references to Jews from Catholic textbooks. Highlights of Mr. Hoffman's report were the following:

1. The most striking progress has been made in Spain, where more than half of all Catholic religious textbooks that previously had expressed marked hostility to Jews and Judaism have been revised or eliminated.

2. While progress is less advanced in Italy, the conference of bishops has established a commission to deal with the revision of textbooks. Revision of elementary and secondary texts is in progress.

3. Intensive studies of French-language Catholic textbooks, widely used in France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Canada, have been virtually completed at Louvain University, Belgium, under the sponsorship of Leo Cardinal Suenens.

4. An investigation of Austrian books has been started by an interfaith commission headed by a Catholic scholar at the University of Vienna, under the patronage of Franz Cardinal Koenig.

5. Other studies are under way in West Germany, Portugal, and England, and in at least one East European country: Poland.

6. Catholic educational centers on the European Continent are distributing revised textbooks to predominantly Catholic countries in other parts of the world, notably Latin America. Beyond this, Catholic authorities in several Latin American countries have conducted textbook studies leading to significant revision.

7. In the United States, a number of new textbooks have been published for Catholic children in elementary and secondary parochial schools, and a similar effort is being made to remove distortions and polemical antagonisms in Protestant texts.

Prominent U.S. Writers Appeal to Moscow to Restore Jewish Culture in Russia

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Twenty-two prominent American literary figures -- including six winners of the Pulitzer Prize -- today appealed to writers in the USSR to help restore cultural institutions denied the Jewish community of Soviet Russia. The appeal -- signed by Ralph Ellison, Archibald MacLeish, Arthur Miller and 19 other leading American poets, novelists and critics -- was contained in a 750-word letter to the fourth All-Union Congress of Soviet Writers, which opens in Moscow tomorrow.

The letter was drafted by Robert Penn Warren, two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, who is a sponsor of the Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews, a non-sectarian group. In their message to the Soviet literary congress, the American writers declared: "Historically in your country, probably more than in any other country's literary tradition, the role of the writer has always transcended art. The writer has been, uniquely, social critic, intellectual goad, moral guide, tribune of the people's conscience."

It was in this spirit and as "bearers of a moral burden," the letter continued, "that we turn to you now and ask you to consider the painful situation of Jewish literature and culture in the Soviet Union today." The issue was "not just a cultural question, grave as that is, but a moral and historical one -- directly affecting the Jewish fate and destiny and the conscience of Soviet society now and for the future," the American writers declared.

The statement conceded that many Soviet Jews might wish "to assimilate voluntarily and fully into the Russian culture and abandon Jewish culture. 'We would uphold their right to do so, and would seek to impose no obstacle to that choice,' the letter said, adding: "This indeed is precisely what we would urge -- the possibility of choice, the availability of options. And there is not the slightest doubt that vast numbers of Soviet Jews wish to perpetuate their tradition and its cultural and moral values in viable forms compatible with Soviet life."

Asserting that Soviet Jews have no remaining communal institutions, the American writers declared: "In this fundamental deprivation, they stand alone among the more than one hundred Soviet nationalities. Thus, uniquely, they face the threat of enforced assimilation." The letter appealed to the Soviet writers as "guardians of your country's moral heritage, to bring to bear your incalculable prestige and influence on behalf of the restoration of a wide range of cultural institutions for Soviet Jews."

Other signers of the letter were Saul Bellow, Eric Bentley, John Ciardi, Babette Deutsch, James Dickey, John Hersey, Irving Howe, Alfred Kazin, Stanley Kunitz, Robert Lowell, Norman Mailer, Howard Nemerov, Norman Podhoretz, Maurice Samuel, Meyer Schapiro, Lionel Trilling, John Updike and Elie Wiesel.

Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund Reports Raising \$6,479,681 in 1967 Drive

CLEVELAND, May 21. (JTA) -- An intensified solicitation effort in its final stages carried the 1967 Jewish Welfare Fund campaign to a goal-topping record high \$6,479,681 as the drive closed here at a dinner meeting at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The campaign goal was \$6,476,000. The previous high was set last year with the appeal reaching \$6,268,652.

General chairman Julius Paris, who presided, paid tribute to the caliber of campaign leadership that set an example for the Cleveland Jewish community, especially in the final stages of the drive, when the leaders made additional pledges to increase their pace-setting gifts. He ascribed the Cleveland campaign success to the continued active role of former campaign officers, jointly with the new leadership.

Hearing the reports of the 20 teams, 18 of whom exceeded their quotas, were general co-chairmen Max M. Axelrod and M. Edwin Weiner, and special gifts chairman Harold H. Kahn. Kid-dush cups were presented to the new leaders and a specially-bound Bible to Mrs. Milton Kane, who completed her second and final term as women's division co-chairman. Greeting more than 500 workers present was David N. Myers, president of the Jewish Community Federation, sponsor of the campaign. The campaign director was Henry L. Zucker, the Federation's executive vice-president, with Joseph S. Winston as senior campaign associate director.

Boston Jewish Philanthropies Announces Raising \$5,503,000 in 1967 Campaign

BOSTON, May 21. (JTA) -- The Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston announced a final figure of \$5,503,194 in its 1967 Appeal at a campaign closing dinner last night. Mortimer Weiss, general campaign chairman, noted that this year's total -- a substantial increase over the amount raised last year -- was one of the highest fund-raising results in recent years. It marked the third year in succession that Boston has achieved a "plus" campaign.

"We have made another forward step," Mr. Weiss said, "in meeting the urgent needs of our community. We have demonstrated that, once the community understands these needs, it can, and does, respond with generosity." Bernard D. Grossman, president of the CJP, told some 400 persons attending the gathering that, while the campaign result is "most gratifying," it is only "a means to an end." Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg, executive director of the CJP, pointed out that more than 32,000 men and women contributed to the campaign, and that increases were chalked up in all divisions.

\$1,000,000 Contributed to U.J.A. at Luncheon Honoring Irving Schneider

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- More than 400 guests contributed in excess of \$1,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal at a luncheon of the real estate, builders, management and general contractors division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York held at the Hotel Roosevelt in honor of Irving Schneider, UJA leader. James Wm. Gaynor, commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, was awarded a special industry citation.

Mr. Schneider has long been active in the real estate industry's UJA efforts, and served as division chairman in 1964, 1965 and again last year. Jack D. Weiler, honorary chairman of trustees of New York UJA, made the presentation to Mr. Schneider. Fred Rose, special gifts chairman, made the presentation to Commissioner Gaynor.

Rabbi Friedman Leaves for Israel to Discuss Projects of U.J.A.-Israel Education Fund

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, left here today for Israel for important consultations with top officials in the Government and the Jewish Agency regarding projects of the UJA-Israel Education Fund.

Rabbi Friedman will review the progress of the IEF and future plans with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Education Minister Zalman Aranne and Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency. Additionally, while in Israel, Rabbi Friedman will hold discussions with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Joseph M. First Reelected President of The Jewish Publication Society

PHILADELPHIA, May 21. (JTA) -- Joseph M. First, today was reelected president of the Jewish Publication Society of America at its 79th annual meeting at the Warwick Hotel. The Jewish Publication Society is the oldest continuing organization of its kind in the world. Since its founding, it has published over 600 titles ranging from children's fiction to two English translations of the Bible.

Reelected vice-presidents were David C. Melnicoff, of Philadelphia, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; Leo Gusik and Maxwell M. Rabb, both of New York City; Philip D. Sang, of Chicago; and Jerome J. Shestack, of Philadelphia. William Fishman, of Philadelphia, was renamed treasurer; Dr. Paul Sloane, secretary; Dr. Chaim Potok, editor; and Lesser Zussman, executive director.

Dr. Arthur Hertzberg, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El, of Englewood, N.J., received the Jewish Publication Society's Adolf Amram Award for 1967, an annual citation carrying with it a prize of \$4,000. The award was given to him at the JPS annual meeting for his manuscript of a book, "The French Enlightenment and the Jews," to be published jointly by the JPS and the Columbia University Press next November.

Dispute Within Ranks of Reform Movement Widens; New Exchange of Charges

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The dispute between the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central association of Reform congregations, and Temple Emanu-El of New York, the largest Reform congregation in the world -- which withdrew from the UAHC last month -- was widened this weekend by an exchange of charges between them.

The UAHC made its charges in a letter from president Irving Kane of Kansas City, which was sent to all member congregations. The letter charged that the congregation had opposed "many dynamic and important programs" in the past 25 years, including a resolution "joining with the rest of the Jewish community in supporting the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine." In disclosing the withdrawal, Emanu-El president Alfred Bachrach charged that UAHC president Maurice Eisendrath, a leading foe among American Reform rabbis of the United States involvement in Viet Nam, had sought to act as spokesman for American Reform Jewry, which Emanu-El opposed.

The congregation's senior rabbi, Dr. Julius Mark, deplored public airing of "a family dispute." He took that position in a message in the temple's weekly bulletin to the 3,200 family members of the congregation. Dr. Mark declared there were "good and sufficient reasons" for the vote by the congregation board of trustees last April 25 to withdraw. However, soon after the vote was made public, Louis Broido, a former New York City Commissioner and trustee, said the vote had been a split one. He announced that he and other opponents of the withdrawal planned to seek a reversal.

Dr. Mark, who himself has publicly criticized the American role in Viet Nam, said in his message that he upheld the right of Rabbi Eisendrath "to express his views on Viet Nam or any other subject -- including his intemperate attack on President Johnson in a recent issue of American Judaism" the official publication of the UAHC, "provided he makes it crystal clear that he is speaking for himself and not for the Reform Jews of America."

Dr. Mark expressed the hope that the dispute would be settled "behind closed doors" and said the congregation members would get an explanatory letter from the Board of Trustees. That letter, signed by Mr. Bachrach, was received the next day by congregation members. The letter reiterated the charge that Dr. Eisendrath "implies" he spoke for all Reform Jews in his public statements and that the UAHC "is managed without any recognition of, or regard to, the views of constituent congregations."

New Jersey Governor Warns Against Proposed Change in Federal School Aid Law

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Governor Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey warned here tonight that proposed legislative changes in the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act would imperil the significant achievements of the Act, which, he said, has already benefitted more than 8,000,000 children through improved educational programs.

Addressing the 1,000 Jewish rabbinic and lay leaders attending the dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Governor Hughes particularly scored a bill sponsored by Rep. Albert H. Quie of Minnesota, which would channel Federal aid funds through the state governments instead of directly to the school districts as under the present law.

If the changes proposed in the Quie measure are adopted, Gov. Hughes declared, "private school students, now beginning to participate in publicly sponsored educational programs, would find their participation hobbled, in many cases prevented, by the constitutions of almost three dozen states. In place of the friendly consultations between public school and private school educators now going on at the local level all around America, in a spirit of friendship and cooperation, private school educators would have to go, hat in hand, to necessarily hostile state departments of education."

Rabbi Joseph Karasick, national president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, announced the establishment of the World Conference of Ashkenazi and Sephardi Synagogues which will deal with major problems of Jewish religious and social life in all parts of the world as well as with issues of peace and war, poverty and human rights. He said that an international leadership meeting of the Conference will take place June 2-4 in Geneva.

Court to Hold Hearing on Quarrel Between Anti-Defamation League and Italian Group

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- A hearing will be held in New York State Supreme Court June 5 on a show-cause order to the American-Italian Anti-Defamation League as to why it should not be enjoined from using in its name the words "Anti-Defamation League." The order was requested by the 53-year-old Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, after talks between the two groups failed to settle the dispute.

In an affidavit with the petition to New York Supreme Court Justice Hyman Korn, ADL chairman Dore Scharly asserted that the Italian group, which was formed last year, was guilty of "unfair usurpation and exploitation" of the phrase "anti-defamation league." Mr. Scharly said the Italian group's use of the term had created a confusion of identities, hurt the fund-raising efforts of the Jewish agency and had "created doubt" in some minds as to the B'nai B'rith adherence to its original principles.