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## JDC's Haber Tells CJFWF That Polish Decree Was Designed To Hasten Jews' Departure

BOSTON, Nov. 13(JTA)--Samuel L. Haber, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), charged today that the Polish Government decree setting a Sept. 1 deadline for tightened regulations governing Jews' emigration "was actually designed to push the country's Jews out faster."

He told a workshop session of the 38th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF) here that Jews were leaving Poland at the rate of about 250 a week and he predicted that less than 10,000 Jews would be left in Poland by the end of this year. Mr. Haber said that the Warsaw Government "accomplished its objectives of destroying almost everything in Jewish life in Poland." He said also that the Jewish cultural Union in Warsaw "to all intents and purposes has ceased to exist" and that the JDC and the organization for Rehabilitation through training (ORT) were expelled in December, 1967. He pointed out that the Home for the Jewish Aged, built with JDC funds, had been removed from Jewish control and was no longer exclusively a Jewish home.

"We are now witnessing the end of a millenium," Mr. Haber said. "We are witnesses to Hitler's mad dream becoming a tragic reality--the 'final solution' of the 1,000-year history of Polish Jewry. The madness of Nazi Germany is becoming a reality in Communist Poland."

Mr. Haber who recently visited Rumania, estimated the average age of the 100,000 Jews there at 60 and reported that many of the aged lived under conditions of intense poverty. "At least they are allowed to live and worship in freedom," he remarked. He deplored the fact that "the current JDC program is barely enough to keep the neediest of the needy above the starvation level." The current program, he said, involves projected expenditures of over \$1.5 million by the end of the year and reaches about 15,000 aged and sick Jews.

Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice-president of the United Hias Service, confirmed that refugees were continuing to leave Poland "without any letup in pace." He said 4,200 of the estimated 8,500 Jews who had left Poland had applied to United Hias for migration aid. More than half of these, he added, had already been resettled, but the agency still had a Polish Jewish refugee caseload in excess of 1,400.

Immigration to the United States assisted by United Hias, he reported, increased 50 percent in the first 10 months of this year over the same period in 1968. Polish-Jewish immigration, he disclosed, jumped from 251 to 1,325 during that period. He revealed that "there has been a small but hopeful increase in immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union." During the first 10 months of this year, he said, United Hias had assisted 128 Jews from the Soviet Union to come to the U.S. in comparison with 92 in all of 1968. He described the plight of the remaining Jewish communities in the Arab countries as "fraught with considerable anxiety and unease."

### UJA's Ginsberg, CJFWF President Fox Stress Needs Of Israel

Speaking at a plenary session on overseas needs, Edward Ginsberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared that "the will to survive" of the people of Israel "may well determine their destiny" in the continuing war of attrition waged against them by the Arabs. He expressed his conviction that "nothing can shatter the courage and determination of the people of Israel."

Describing American Jewish support of Israel as one of the key factors in maintaining Israeli morale, Mr. Ginsberg warned that "we must steel ourselves for a long and persistent challenge. We must forge the determination of the American Jewish community to provide unprecedented financial and moral support to meet humanitarian needs for as long as it takes."

The president of the CJFWF warned the American Jewish community today that current Arab strategy involved a two-pronged war of attrition--wearing down the Israelis on the security front and eroding the support of Jews of the world for Israel's human needs. Addressing the 1,500 delegates, Louis J. Fox of Baltimore asserted that "as never before we are being tested--the depth of our understanding, our conviction and our generosity--our quality as Jews."

In an address reviewing the problems facing the 233 Federations and Welfare Funds affiliated in the Council, Mr. Fox stressed the "urgency" of continued support for Israel, called on the Jewish community to play a more active role in seeking solutions to urban problems, urged a more meaningful program to involve Jewish youth in the life of the community and recommended a strengthening of the Jewish community.

A sense of "humanitarian concern and responsibility" directs Jewish attention to Israel's social, educational and welfare needs, Mr. Fox declared. "Israel's people want a better society at a time that logic says is not opportune, at the time when they are struggling for sheer survival." In helping Israel to build a free society, he said, "we join civilization's continuous pursuit of a better society." Turning to the American scene, Mr. Fox called the "urban crisis" a part of the "human rights revolution" and emphasized that it was essential that the Jewish community "go even further than we have in visibly and positively committing ourselves to finding solutions to the urban crisis."

He urged greater federation involvement and called on Federations to take a leadership role and to act as a "central resource to stimulate interest and participation by all segments of the general community."

A fundamental requirement, Mr. Fox added, was "a strong viable Jewish community. He declared that "only a totally mobilized and organized community can provide the resources, brains and abilities required year after year." He stressed that greater involvement of youth is essential to the building of enduring communities and pointed out that "our task now is to reach out planfully in our cities to our best young men and women." He proposed that communal funds be made available for scholarships to encourage more young men and women to seek careers in Jewish social agencies and other communal groups.

#### Hurwitz Tells Of Pressures That Could Seriously Affect Community

In an assembly working session devoted to pressures on sectarian services, Donald B. Hurwitz, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, pointed out that while Jewish federations and their agencies had remained under Jewish control and clearly represented the Jewish community in action, "today there are pressures and demands which could seriously affect the nature, structure and position of the Jewish community."

The major pressures, he said, were the "forces of social revolution" at play in the U.S., and sectarianism. He pointed out that the "meteoric rise in public expenditure for social purposes", which agencies sometimes accepted "on terms which challenge their basic structures and purposes," posed a threat to voluntarism and sectarianism of the Jewish federations. Pressures on united funds, he said, may require them to re-define their purposes and divert dollars from their traditional beneficiaries to new programs. One result may be, he said, that Jewish agencies "already, suffering from budgetary malnutrition, must be affected by this development."

Non-Jewish individuals may be involved in Jewish agencies in many ways, Mr. Hurwitz declared but he added that "the controls, the policy-making responsibility, should remain within the Jewish community." He cited the example of the Philadelphia federation which adopted the position that its board of trustees and the boards of its constituent agencies must reflect the fact of belonging to, and responsibility to the Jewish community. The Federation position nevertheless recognized, he said, that "where appropriate," representatives of the general community could serve as members of the agencies' boards provided the principle of Jewish community control was not infringed.

#### UJA Young Leadership Cabinet Head Rips Education, Funding Practices

Reform of the decision making processes of the American Jewish community was urged Thursday by Gordon Zacks, chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the U.J.A., addressing an assembly plenary session. Presenting the views of the young leadership, Mr. Zacks called for establishment of a \$100 million foundation for Jewish identity in America. A CJFWF spokesman said later that this proposal would be considered by the Council board of directors.

In slashing criticism of the direction of Jewish life, Mr. Zacks charged that "we have diluted and watered down Jewish education to the point that far too often, in far too many schools, it is one vast wasteland of banalities, unimaginative, uninspiring, uninformative and unproductive." Most of the products of this system, he asserted, "have no sense of identification with their Jewish part, no relatedness to the Jewish present and no sense of common destiny with a Jewish future. They are confused as to their identity and unsure of their roots." He said that education should be responsibility of the federation rather than the exclusive concern of the synagogues and rabbis.

In calling for a "fundamental change" in the decision-making processes in the community, Mr. Zacks complained that too much stress was placed on attempting to ensure operating efficiencies of the Jewish agencies rather than on their purposes. He urged what he described as the "program approach," shifting emphasis from "doing things right to doing the right." He urged inclusion in the federations' decision-making process of men whose only qualification is Jewish learning and commitment to Jewish life," and said that "we must involve young people in significantly greater numbers." Federation boards, he said, must be made more representative of the community.

The speaker warned that "we can no longer afford to support agencies or programs that are not central to our currently defined relevant needs. We must be prepared to close up, or transfer to other authorities, agencies and programs which are no longer relevant to our special responsibilities."

Applause frequently interrupted Mr. Zacks when he asked whether the community can afford \$9 million a year plus millions more in capital funding for hospitals, whether Jewish centers contributed to Jewish survival and whether the communities can afford to contribute federation funds to community relations agencies for external community relations "when we are in desperate need of internal community enrichment."

The speaker was cheered again, when he questioned the correctness of federation allocation of only \$7 million to Jewish education out of \$44.4 million allocated by federations for local and national agencies. Mr. Zacks said later that three delegates to the assembly had approached him and offered contribution of \$100,000 each to the funding of the national foundation he has proposed.

#### College Students 'Make The Scene', Present List of Demands

The assembly began its formal sessions with a considerable amount of excitement generated by the presence and activities of a large number of activist Jewish youth, mainly from colleges in the Boston area, reinforced by a large contingent from New York. A three-man delegation, representing the Concerned Jewish Students, went before the Assembly's resolutions committee and submitted a series of demands for action on Jewish education, Soviet Jewry, for reform of the federation structure, federation action to encourage new projects within the community, and the filling of professional and lay leadership positions by persons who "show their commitment to Judaism by participating in Jewish study."

## **Eban To Confer With United States Officials On Visit To Assist United Jewish Appeal**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13(JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban will meet with United States Government officials when he goes to the U.S. in a few weeks on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, it was disclosed today. He will discuss Israel's requests for economic and military aid which were presented to President Richard M. Nixon by Premier Golda Meir on her recent visit to Washington. Sources here said Mr. Eban would also seek to clarify certain developments in America's position on the Middle East. Israeli officials were disturbed by reports that the U.S. has moved closer to the Arab-Soviet position on the question of boundaries.

### Dayan Rapped By Cabinet Colleagues On Collective Punishment Pronouncement

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13(JTA)--A dispute has broken out between Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan and other Cabinet ministers over his statement yesterday that Israel is stiffening its response to terrorist activities by use of collective punishment. "Neighborhood punishment" was the term he used to newsmen to describe the recently-begun practice of demolition of homes of Arabs who had been uncooperative in investigations of terrorism or who had declined to come forward with information.

It was understood today that Gen. Dayan's pronouncement has been criticized by Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

A statement issued by Prime Minister Golda Meir's office following a Cabinet meeting indicated that General Dayan's statement did not represent official Government policy.

Meanwhile, Arabs in Jerusalem said that the inauguration of village and "neighborhood punishment" has triggered the biggest exodus from the occupied areas since the 1967 war. Arabs said that 200 families had already fled.

The Defense Minister said Israel would no longer tolerate a "double standard" from occupied territory Arabs in that they could no longer ask Israeli protection from Palestine terrorist organizations and at the same time refuse to give security forces information about the terrorists' presence and activities.

In one case, he said, an Israeli merchant was murdered in Gaza and the killers remained for hours in the area where everyone must have known of their presence. "Later on, not one would volunteer information on the color of the murderer's shirt," he said. He acknowledged that the security situation in Gaza had deteriorated and warned that Arab leaders there would be deported if they failed to cooperate in abating the situation.

The toughening of Israeli policy in the occupied areas became evident last month when security officers began blowing up houses--18 in all--in Halhul village near Hebron. This action followed the murder of an Army officer who had been part of a search party looking for terrorists who previously killed five Arab "collaborators" in the village.

Since the Oct. 13 murder in Gaza of the town's only Jewish shopkeeper, eight houses have been demolished there. The murdered Jew, from B'nai B'rak, was an exponent of Israeli-Arab rapprochement and had to become one of the leading promoters of Arab-made wares in Israel. "In Gaza, we have been getting tougher," said Gen. Dayan, "because the situation has been clearly getting out of hand. The question is what will happen there in the future. We have no intention of leaving the Gaza area or any other area and must guarantee a minimum of security."

Israel has blown up homes since 1967 as a method of combating Arab terrorism. However, in the past Arab houses were destroyed only when a direct connection between the house owner and saboteurs was established. Israeli military sources said that in recent days owners or inhabitants saw terrorists prepare to attack and failed to notify occupation authorities. After raids they also did not help the authorities trace the terrorists.

## **Israel Jets Hit Targets In Egypt, Jordan; Guerrillas Fire On Valley Settlement**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13(JTA)--Israeli jets struck targets in Egypt and Jordan today. The Egyptian targets were in the southern sector of the Suez Canal zone. In Jordan, the planes bombed and strafed artillery positions opposite the Beisan Valley in retaliation for a Jordanian attack on an Israeli patrol near Maoz Chaim. All planes returned safely.

Guerrillas in Jordan fired on a Beisan Valley settlement this morning but their shells fell short and landed on the east bank of the Jordan River. Israeli units did not return the fire. A hand grenade and a number of shots were aimed at an Israeli Army vehicle and a civilian car near the El Burj refugee camp in the Gaza Strip today. But there were no casualties. Security officials disclosed the capture of six saboteurs near the Umm Tutz pass on the Jordan River last week.

### Syria Re-Opens Border With Lebanon; Guerrillas Take Over 14 Refugee Camps

LONDON, Nov. 13(JTA)--Syria re-opened its border with Lebanon today but coupled the gesture with a warning to the Beirut regime that it would take "strict and final" measures if the Cairo agreement between Lebanese authorities and Palestinian guerrillas giving the latter more freedom of action, was not kept. Syria closed its Lebanese border 24 days ago in support of guerrilla demands for a free hand to conduct military operations against Israel from Lebanese territory.

At least one guerrilla demand was fulfilled today when Palestinian commandos seized virtual control of 14 of the 15 Arab refugee camps in Lebanon. The camps are operated by the United Nations Works and Relief Agency (UNRWA) and Lebanese authorities. The latter were ousted as armed guerrillas took over camp authority and police duties. Palestinian commando flags flew side-by-side with Lebanese flags. The 15 camps in Lebanon officially hold 170,000 refugees but are inhabited by many more who are unregistered. The commandos refrained from taking over only the smallest camp, Mar

Elias, with 400 inhabitants, located in a Beirut suburb close to UNRWA headquarters. Operation of the camps and freedom of movement were two of the guerrilla demands that Lebanon reportedly accepted in Cairo. The refugees have been the most active supporters of the guerrillas and have participated in riots and demonstrations against Lebanese authorities. Two of the largest camps taken over were previously uninvolved and house only Christian Arabs. The camps are used by the guerrillas as military training grounds and recruiting centers.

The Syrian news agency Sana announced that the decision to re-open the Lebanese border was taken by the political bureau of the ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party, the highest authority in Syria. While ostensibly a conciliatory gesture toward President Charles Helou of Lebanon, the open borders will greatly facilitate the movement of Syrian arms and supplies to the guerrillas. It will also ease Lebanon's economic burden. The country's trade was hard hit when the border closure caused a logjam of ships in Beirut harbor waiting to unload.

### **Las Vegas Rabbi Opposed To Peace statue of Jesus On Public Property Wins His Point**

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 13(JTA)--A Las Vegas rabbi opposed to the erection of a statue of Jesus as a peace symbol in front of the local convention center reported that he has been assured by convention authorities that any statue plans they devise would be submitted for his approval. Rabbi Aaron S. Gold, of Temple Beth Shalom, said that he also accepted an invitation to become a member of the Peace Memorial Committee.

The invitation was issued after the Clark County Ministerial Association, of which Rabbi Gold is president, adopted a resolution opposing erection of religious symbols on public property. The Ministerial Association is an interfaith group. Its other officers are Rev. Glenn L. Tudor of the First Christian Church, Rev. Robert E. Bateman of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and Rev. O. T. Phillips of the Christ Community Church. Their resolution said they opposed religious symbols on public property "in light of our national tradition of the separation of church and state and decisions which have been handed down by the Supreme Court...regarding religious practices or symbols in public programs and places."

### **8 American Negro Editors and Publishers Will Conduct Study Mission In Israel**

NEW YORK, Nov. 13(JTA)--Eight American Negro editors and publishers will visit Israel for 10 days beginning Nov. 16 to study that country's social and economic methods with a view to applying some of them toward the betterment of the Negro community in the United States. The eight, representing leading Negro newspapers, will tour Israel as guests of its Government. Their visit was arranged through the Urban affairs department of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

Kenyon C. Burke, director of the urban affairs department, will accompany the group. They will visit educational institutions, youth projects, kibbutzim, health and safety projects and will examine Israel's technical assistance program for African states.

The newsmen making the trip are Richard Edwards, managing editor of the Amsterdam News, New York; Robert E. Johnson, of Jet-Johnson Publications, Chicago; John H. Murphy, publisher of the Afro American, Baltimore; Tom Picou, managing editor and John Sengstacke, editor and publisher of the Chicago Daily Defender; Longworth M. Quinn, managing editor of the Michigan Chronicle, Detroit; Garth C. Reeves, publisher of the Miami Times; and Howard Woods, publisher of the St. Louis Sentinel.

### **5 American Governors Plant Trees In Kennedy Forest; Licht Made Hebrew U. Fellow**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13(JTA)--Five American governors touring Israel planted trees in the Kennedy Memorial Forest near Jerusalem. One of them, Gov. Frank Licht, of Rhode Island, was made an honorary fellow of the Hebrew University in recognition of his "conspicuous public service to the cause of interfaith understanding and the renaissance of the Jewish people in its own land." The other touring governors are James Rhodes of Ohio, Frank Farrar of South Dakota, Claude Kirk of Florida and Calvin Rampton of Utah.

### **AJCongress Oppose Dissemination Of Racist Propaganda In New York City Schools**

NEW YORK, Nov. 13(JTA)--The American Jewish Congress testified yesterday in support of a New York City Board of Education resolution banning the dissemination of racist propaganda in public schools. Herman Brown, director of the AJCongress' Metropolitan Council, said that while his organization holds that such material, "however detestable" is generally protected by constitutional guarantees of free speech, "special considerations apply within school buildings." Mr. Brown appeared at hearings on the board's proposed resolution "on the rights and responsibilities of senior high school students." He said that "the relative immaturity of students and the necessity of maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning," as well as the fact that students "are a captive audience who cannot leave and go home," make it mandatory for school authorities to limit the right of students and teachers to disseminate bigotry.

### **JWV Offers \$1,000 Reward For Arrest, Conviction of Persons Vandalizing Synagogues**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13(JTA)--The Jewish War Veterans of the United States have offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who wilfully damaged temples and synagogues. The JWV's national commander, Bernard B. Drenfeld, said the reward was offered "in view of the growing lawlessness in the physical damaging, destruction and desecration of building furnishings and furniture of temples and synagogues."

### **Labor Zionists Endorse Moratorium, Call For Early End to War in Vietnam**

NEW YORK, Nov. 13(JTA)--The Labor Zionist Organization of America gave its support to this week end's anti-Vietnam war moratorium today and urged support, "for all peaceful and responsible methods of bringing about an early withdrawal of all American troops from Vietnam, whether by negotiation or unilaterally."