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## Budget Of Expanded Jewish Agency To Reach \$601 Million; \$400 Million From U.S.

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (JTA)--The first budget of the expanded Jewish Agency is expected to reach \$601 million. Contributions from the United States will account for \$400 million and the balance from other countries throughout the world. This was reported today at a press conference by Moshe Rivlin, Director General of the Jewish Agency, who noted it would be the agency's first budget to be prepared by those members of the Executive heretofore outside the agency. The agency was expanded this summer to include 50 percent non-Zionist representation. The temporary budget committee is expected to meet in Jerusalem in January to work on details. The main portions of the budget, it appears, will be \$180 million for housing, \$80 million for higher education, \$70 million for pre-kindergarten and secondary schools, \$50 million for aliyah and absorption of 45-50,000 immigrants and \$40 million for settlement--a total of \$420 million.

The first meeting of the agency's enlarged Assembly will be held next June 21, following final arrangements in April by the preparatory group. Mr. Rivlin said the effort to raise the \$601 million would be carried out concurrent with an effort to foster Hebrew education in the diaspora. He said there are now 15,000 adults in Hebrew courses throughout the world and 250,000 children in Hebrew schools. The training of Hebrew teachers and schoolmasters for the diaspora is being initiated, he added. The Director General said some 8,000 United Jewish Appeal contributors will be arriving in Israel in 75 groups next year to study Israeli needs first-hand.

## State Department Concerned About Soviet Jews But Fears To Intercede Openly

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it has "strong concern" for the situation of Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel, but that it fears open intercession would be considered "merely cold-war propaganda" and thus be counter-productive. Martin J. Hillenbrand, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, said in a letter to Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, that the United States would continue to make "numerous public representations emphasizing the right of emigration and our recognition of the plight of those denied it." Mr. Graubard had sought President Nixon's aid in effecting such emigration for six Soviet Jews who had signed a petition detailing their problems in seeking to go to Israel.

Mr. Hillenbrand wrote that the U.S. has been trying to convince the USSR that "unfeeling disregard for the basic human rights of persons seeking to emigrate stirs needless antipathy in public opinion abroad and hence becomes a political liability ill-befitting a major government." But he cautioned that the U.S. must "choose very carefully the forum on which to support the right to emigrate," so as not to "prejudice" the chances of Soviet Jewish emigration. In a related development, Albert Schlossberg, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, met with President Nixon today and later told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "Mr. Nixon shared our concern (about Soviet Jewry), and he always has." He said the President concurred in his "great alarm" at the situation.

## Israel Expected To Return To Peace Talks Next Month; Wants U.S. To Pledge Aid

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Israel is expected to return to the Jarring talks some time in mid-December but in the meantime it is trying to persuade the United States to put its pledges of military and economic aid into writing in what would amount to a U.S.-Israel defense treaty, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from reliable sources. The U.S. is reportedly hesitant about making a written commitment. Washington believes that the large scale military and economic aid already given or promised to Israel, combined with American assurances to act against further Soviet involvement in the Mideast conflict, has created the proper condition for reactivating the Jarring talks. Some government circles here seem to agree with the U.S. They note that even written agreements can be broken if the circumstances warrant it and cite the case of France which still embargoes 50 Mirage jets which Israel paid for in full two years ago. These circles argue that any American pledge, written or verbal, depends upon the administration's good will and therefore one is as good as the other. The matter has been the subject of debate in the Cabinet which will continue when Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin returns here to report on the latest developments in Washington.

Israel's return to the Jarring talks next month seems fairly certain for the government wants to avoid being branded a "hold out." It runs that risk if the talks are not resumed before Jan. 5 when United Nations Secretary General U Thant is obliged to report to the Security Council on the progress of Mideast peace negotiations. Another subject of debate in the government is Defense Minister Dayan's proposal to re-negotiate the cease-fire agreement with Egypt on the basis of a mutual reduction of forces along the Suez Canal. The U.S. is reportedly trying to discourage such a plan. The State Department feels it would only complicate the situation and has told Israel that Egypt would eventually violate a new agreement as it did the old one, thereby putting the Jarring talks in jeopardy once again. The U.S. is known to be cool toward any plan that might result in the re-opening of the Suez Canal in the near future. Once the waterway is usable again, the powerful Soviet navy would have easy access to the Indian Ocean and the Far East.

## Egyptian Overflights Along Suez Canal Continue To Puzzle Israelis

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Israelis were still puzzling today over the reason for three Egyptian overflights of Israeli positions along the Suez Canal in the past 24 hours. The flights on Sunday and

Monday brought stiff Israeli protests and formal complaints lodged with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). There was no repetition of the flights today and no indication that they were anything more than technical violations of the cease-fire. The Egyptian Sukhoi-7 fighter-bombers did not attack and were not fired upon by Israeli forces who are apparently under orders not to shoot unless shot at. The nationality of the pilots is not known. The Israeli communiques referred to UAR--meaning Egyptian--planes. According to some observers, the overflights were intended to impress young Egyptian officers who are restive over the cease-fire that Egypt is alert and unbending in its attitude toward Israel. Such demonstrations are considered necessary for home consumption because the post-Nasser regime of President Anwar Sadat is far from being firmly entrenched, Israeli sources said.

Other observers believe the Egyptians were trying to show that they accept the cease-fire only in its narrowest sense, namely that anything is permissible short of shooting. Still another view holds that the overflights were ordered to counter alleged reconnaissance flights over Egyptian positions by high altitude American U-2 planes. Egypt has protested formally to the U.S. A spokesman in Cairo claimed yesterday that the U-2s were photographing Egyptian positions and turning the pictures over to Israel. Apart from the overflights there were no signs of unusual activity on the Egyptian side of the canal. The Jordanian and Syrian borders were also quiet this week. But sporadic shelling was reported along the Lebanese border. Several mortar shells were fired at Metullah from Lebanese territory this morning, from the direction of Kela village. No casualties or damage was reported. Israeli forces returned the fire.

### Dayan Continues To Urge Israel To Enter Peace Talks To Prevent Renewed Hostilities

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan continued last night to urge Israel to enter into peace talks with the Arabs in order to prevent a renewal of hostilities. Without mentioning the Jarring talks, Gen. Dayan called for an Israeli initiative that would lead to a dialogue with the Arabs. "It is our duty to do everything to reach a political agreement if only to prevent a renewal of war which threatens us," he told 800 Labor Party members in a speech in Ashkelon. Gen. Dayan's recent public statements advocating Israel's return to the Jarring talks and a mutual disengagement of forces along the Suez Canal has aroused the ire of many of his Cabinet colleagues, especially Foreign Minister Abba Eban. A promise was exacted from Gen. Dayan at Sunday's Cabinet meeting to refrain from making public statements that run counter to government policy. But government policy has been stated only in general terms so far. Premier Golda Meir told the Knesset a week ago that Israel was prepared to return to the Jarring talks "if the proper conditions for this are created." What those conditions will be is still being debated by the Cabinet. Gen. Dayan warned last night that the present peaceful situation along the cease-fire lines cannot last indefinitely "if we take no action to create some sort of framework wherein the dispute could be solved by way of talks."

He said it would be to Israel's advantage not to antagonize the Russians who are manning missile batteries in Egypt but warned that this would be inevitable if fighting is renewed. "If Israel can do anything to prevent renewal of hostilities, she must do all she can, even if this involves jumping into cold water," Gen. Dayan said. His use of that metaphor in a previous speech got Gen. Dayan into trouble with Gahal leader Menachem Beigin and other Israeli hawks. The implication they read into it was that Israel must be prepared to make painful concessions in the interests of peace. Mrs. Meir said in the Knesset last week that it would be impossible to achieve peace without giving up some territory. But while the government apparently does not disagree entirely with Gen. Dayan's views on the peace talks or even with his approach to them, it wants to avoid giving away its hand at this time, particularly in view of its efforts to bargain for firmer commitments of military and economic aid from the United States. To some observers, the Defense Minister's public "stumping" for his ideas creates the impression of disunity within the government.

### Harriman Proposes U.S. Initiate 'Carefully Limited' Lend-Lease Program For Israel

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (JTA)--W. Averill Harriman, the former ambassador to the Soviet Union and to Britain and most recently chief American negotiator at the Paris peace talks, proposed today that the United States initiate a "carefully limited" lend-lease program for Israel. In an essay in today's New York Times, the 79-year-old diplomat wrote that "the great advantage of lend-lease is that under it 'the Arab nations could be assured that after peace had been achieved, major items of sophisticated military equipment would not be kept by Israel but would be returned to the United States.'" He recalled that "In December 1940 President Roosevelt made a brilliant proposal 'to get away from the dollar sign' while providing arms to nations whose survival we wanted to support." Roosevelt did that through "the loaning of military equipment on the basis that when it was no longer needed the unexpended part would be returned to the United States." Mr. Harriman wrote. The former Governor of New York State and Presidential Cabinet member, continued: "We must recognize that many Arabs have a real, although unrealistic, fear, based in part on misinformation on what brought on the June 1967 war, that Israel is an imperialistic state bent on expanding her position. The knowledge that in the event of peace Israel would relinquish much of its sophisticated armament could serve as an incentive for the Arab states to negotiate."

Ambassador Harriman noted that "Equipment supplied under lend-lease should be carefully limited, as Israel, like her neighbors, must be encouraged to accept the fact that security lies not in strength of military forces but in a genuine peace settlement." Mr. Harriman contended that "President Nixon's request to the Congress for \$500 million for arms to Israel makes urgent the immediate reconsideration of how we should aid Israel in her struggle for survival." He observed that "the flow of Soviet weapons" to Egypt since the Six-Day War "has required an economically costly and increasingly burdensome Israeli response." While Israel has "the determination and ability" to defend herself without outside troops, "it is clearly essential to insure that Israel has sufficient weapons to defend herself," the diplomat stated. "But," he added, "it is also vital that Israel not be compelled to spend

herself into bankruptcy or to undermine the fabric of her society." A possible alternative to lend-lease that Gov. Harriman rejected is "to make military equipment available to Israel on a grant (free) basis." Although "Israel is virtually unique in having had to contract to pay for all arms she received from the United States," he wrote, to give that country free arms "at this late date...would be seen by the Arabs as a provocative act and might impede our effort to bring about peace."

### **Eight More Cholera Suspects Confirmed; An Additional 12 Cases Reported**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (JTA)--The Health Ministry confirmed today eight more of the nearly 100 suspected Gaza Strip cholera cases reported yesterday, and in addition reported 12 new cases. Forty-three of the nearly 100 suspected cases were confirmed yesterday. Authorities are trying to prevent fruits and vegetables from the Strip from entering Israel proper, and are continuing to check both them and water sources throughout the country, especially in the Jerusalem area, for cholera germs.

### **Hussein Set To Call New Arab Summit Meeting; Guerrillas In Jordan Under Control**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24 (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan, plans to call for a new Arab summit meeting "to exchange views about the subject of a Palestinian state," according to an interview published in the Beirut newspaper An Nahar yesterday. Political sources in Beirut said he was likely to raise the subject with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt when he visits Cairo this week. The new Syrian Premier, Gen. Hafez Assad, is expected to be in Cairo at the same time. Israeli observers believe that King Hussein now has the Palestinian guerrillas in Jordan firmly under control. They noted that the guerrillas have come "hat-in-hand" to meet with Jordan's new Premier, Wasfi el Tal, a man they have in the past accused of being behind the "massacre" of the Palestinian commandos. El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat has also turned up in Amman after vowing he would not go there as long as el Tal heads the government. A meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organization that was to have been held in Amman on Nov. 20 never took place, an indication, Israelis say, that Arafat was not able to force a merger of all the guerrilla organizations under his leadership.

The new, contrite attitude of the guerrillas indicates that they are in a desperate position and must negotiate terms with the Jordanian government quickly to prevent further deterioration, Israeli sources said. The various guerrilla bands have suffered from desertions and huge losses of arms and ammunition. They could not survive a further decline either militarily or in terms of morale. They are prepared to admit therefore that they were at least partly responsible for last week's bloody clashes with Jordanian regulars in the Jerash-Irbid area. Guerrilla publications recently have been emphasizing restraint and self-discipline, Israelis noted. King Hussein is also reportedly anxious for a period of tranquility to rehabilitate his regime which was badly shaken in the September civil war. He is seeking to revive the \$63 million annual subvention Jordan was receiving from oil rich Kuwait and Libya until it was cut off on the outbreak of the civil war.

### **Hussein Due In Washington Next Month; Unlikely He Will Avoid Meeting With Nixon**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (JTA)--The State Department announced today that King Hussein of Jordan will visit this city next month as part of a tour of several lands. The visit, which is expected to take place before mid-month, was described by spokesman John King as having been arranged "by mutual activity." He said he could not say at this time if King Hussein would see President Nixon. Diplomatic sources said, however, that for the monarch to visit the American capital and not see the President was unthinkable. The Jordanian Embassy declined comment on the announcement. In another development, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin was scheduled to meet this afternoon with a lower-level State Department official, but it was not disclosed whether he would discuss the Jewish student demonstration last Friday at the local offices of Tass, the Soviet news agency, or the new American raids into North Vietnam.

### **American Jews Still In Danger From Prejudice, Hate, Dr. Abernathy Warns**

TORONTO, Nov. 24 (JTA)--The American Jew, despite all his success, is "still in danger" from prejudice and hate, black civil rights leader Dr. Ralph Abernathy told a capacity audience at the Holy Blossom Temple here. Dr. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and successor to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said the Jew's thread of security was "very thin indeed." Speaking Friday night, Dr. Abernathy told the audience: "Today in America, the black man is the Jew in Egypt." During the early years of the American civil rights movement, he said, Jews and blacks had been close allies and that relationship continued today despite those detractors who would turn the two groups against each other. According to the civil rights leader, the prejudice some blacks harbour against Jews was not nearly as widespread as some would make out. "Blacks should not forget that Jews are our closest allies," concluded Reverend Abernathy.

### **Gaza Residents Mourn Death Of Terrorist Commander Killed In Clash With Israelis**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Shops in Gaza closed down today, traffic was at a minimum and schools were empty as local residents mourned the death of a terrorist commander killed last night in a clash with Israeli troops near the Shafit refugee camp. Yussef el Hamid Mouhammed Hatib, deputy commander of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was identified after his body was brought to the hospital. Three Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded when a grenade was thrown at them near the refugee camp precipitating the clash. Other Israeli troops immediately opened fire on the assailants killing Hatib.

### **Polish-Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Group Says It Cannot Join WZO**

LONDON, Nov. 24 (JTA)--The Association of Polish Jewish ex-Servicemen subscribes fully to the Zionist program but has declined an invitation to affiliate with the World Zionist Organization. The group's spokesman said it was prevented from doing so by its constitution which bars affiliation with any other bodies.

## Rally By Three Major Faiths On Behalf Of Soviet Jewry Draws Thousands

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Several thousand persons converged on the nation's capital today for a mass meeting tonight on behalf of Soviet Jewry. National leaders of the three major faiths and leading figures on the political, labor, civic and civil rights scenes were to participate. The event, sponsored by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, is to be held in the Washington National Cathedral, which seats 2,500 but has held as many as 5,000 for a Vietnam Moratorium rally. By press time, the speakers' list included Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican; Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat; Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, Pennsylvania Republican; Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., Maryland Republican; Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. David Hunter, Deputy Director General of the National Council of Churches, and Jerry Wurf, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers AFL-CIO. Rabbi Richard Hirsch, director of religious action for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and co-chairman of the meeting, noted that 33 young Soviet Jews have been held incommunicado for five months and "face the imminent prospect of show trials and severe punishment."

Rabbi Hirsch added: "This is an issue of the denial of human rights. Their only crime is that they want to live as Jews or be allowed to leave the Soviet Union." The first show trial of nine Soviet Jews, scheduled for last Friday, has been postponed to Dec. 15. Seymour Wolfe, president of the Jewish Community Council and co-chairman of the meeting, said: "This is a Jewish case. These people are on trial for their convictions. These people are being persecuted as Jews, and their only desire is not to subvert the Soviet system but to leave it." Sen. Schweiker, in remarks prepared for delivery tonight, declared: "The time to raise our voices is right now... The Jewish experience in Europe, from medieval times up to modern times, should be warning enough for us about what is happening now inside the Soviet Union." Noting that it was American religious freedom that brought his ancestors of the Pennsylvania Dutch Schwenkfelder (Protestant) sect to this country in the 1700s, Sen. Schweiker asserted that "The history of other countries compels us to be on guard for injustice and oppression based on religion." He called on the USSR to "cease its harassment of Jewish citizens and permit all those Jews to emigrate who desire to do so." The 44-year-old Senator, who was elected in 1968, added: "For the Jews that will remain, the Soviet Union must improve the religious and cultural climate for them. It is time that the Soviet Union joined us on the side of humanity and on the side of mankind."

## Compulsory Chapel Attendance At Military Academies Termed Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Thirteen major Jewish organizations, supported by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the (Protestant) General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, have asked the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here to prohibit compulsory chapel attendance at the military academies. They charge that the requirement is unconstitutional and an "archaic vestige inconsistent with American traditions of religious freedom." The Defense Department replied that "the views of the academies must prevail unless the courts find their policies to be constitutionally prohibited." The Jewish organizations filing the brief are the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the United Synagogue of America. In addition, 12 of the organizations pressed their position in a letter to Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird under the auspices of the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. The Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy declined to support this additional effort.

## Judaica Bookmobile To Travel Cross-Country To College Campuses

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (JTA)--A bookmobile containing thousands of volumes of Judaica, pamphlets and film strips, will be dispatched to college campuses across the country to stimulate interest in Judaica, it was announced here today by Jacob Stein, president of the United Synagogue of America. The project believed to be the first of its kind, was made possible by an \$18,000 grant by the United Synagogue of America. "This venture, a creation of the ATID College Age Department of the United Synagogue of America, is under the direction, both as to itinerary and programming, of our college age youth," Mr. Stein said. "It is hoped that the presence of this collection of Judaica on college campuses will stimulate interest in all Jewish literature." The project is coordinated by Martin Edelman and Mrs. Rochel Fluxgold, members of the College Age Department of the United Synagogue. ATID is the Hebrew word for future and is the acronym for Al Torah Yakum Doreinu (Upon the Torah our generation will rise.) Travelling with the bookmobile will be a staff of educators who will develop programs on each college campus visited. The bookmobile will be formally dedicated at a luncheon at the Jewish Theological Seminary on December 2. Participating in the luncheon will be authors whose works are represented in the travelling library, as well as religious leaders of the Jewish community.

## Lord Janner Invested With Order Of Orange Nassau On Behalf Of Queen Juliana

LONDON, Nov. 24 (JTA)--Lord Janner, the former Sir Barnett Janner, was invested today with the Order of Orange Nassau on behalf of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. The brief ceremony at the Dutch Embassy was conducted by the Dutch ambassador, Dr. J.H. Roijen, who summarized Lord Janner's career and emphasized his long efforts to foster good Dutch-English relations. Lord Janner, who has served as secretary, vice chairman and chairman of the Anglo-Dutch parliamentary group, noted in his reply Holland's friendship for Israel since 1948 and for Jews since the Spanish Inquisition.

There will be no Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin on Thursday, Nov. 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.