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C.J.F.W.F. PARLEY HEARS PLEA FOR PROGRAM OF INCREASED AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for the American Jewish communal delegation which recently completed a study of conditions in Israel called today for a five-year program of increased financial aid and private investment to meet the state's "tremendous backlog" of needs.

The spokesmen reported to the opening session of the 27th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds here tonight. More than 1,000 representatives of Jewish communities throughout the United States and Canada heard their warning that Israel will not achieve self-sufficiency until hundreds of thousands of immigrants already in the country are decently housed and engaged in productive economic activity. These needs, they were told, can no longer be regarded as "emergencies" but must be dealt with on the basis of longterm planning.

The panel consisted of Herbert R. Abeles, of Newark, Council president; Louis J. Fox, of Baltimore, Arthur E. Gelber of Toronto, and Leo Yanoff, of Newark. They were joined by Morris W. Berinstein, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who returned yesterday from Israel where he headed a study mission.

Charles I. Schottland, U.S. Commissioner of Social Security, told the session that in 1958 the U.S. Government will spend nearly $24 billion dollars on social insurance, public welfare, and related programs. He added that the partnership of public and voluntary agencies, which has been growing steadily during the past quarter century, has assumed great significance in the life of the nations..

The Council is the National Association of 213 local and central Jewish community organizations, representing more than 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, which annually raise the bulk of Jewish philanthropic funds allocated to agencies providing health and welfare services in America, Europe, North Africa and Israel.

Mr. Fox, noting that Israel has received 920,000 immigrants since its establishment in 1948, said that many of them still require a great deal of assistance before they can support themselves. He said it will take $200 million to make 478 farm settlements, most of them less than 10 years old, fully self-supporting. He added that 115,000 immigrants are still living in canvas huts or wooden shacks and that $110 million will be needed to "wipe out this backlog in construction."

"Even if not a single immigrant entered for the next few years," Mr. Fox said, "there is an unfinished job of helping those who are already here to get on their feet. This is a massive undertaking that will require years of massive support from the American Jewish community.

"The central fact remains that the needs of Israel cannot be regarded as year-to-year emergencies. It would be more accurate to spell out these needs in a program of perhaps five years, setting year-to-year objectives to overcome the backlogs we already have."

Plans Reported to Increase Investments in Israel

Mr. Yanoff declared that Israel's drive toward self-sufficiency requires a great increase in private investment. The country's goal, he added, is to double its exports in five years, from $200 million per year to $400 million per year.

He said that several plans are being considered to attract more investments. One is to liberalize investment and tax laws. Another is for the government to sell its shares in successful enterprises while continuing to invest primarily in risk ventures vital to the country but which would not attract private foreign capital. A third is to develop a centralized program, with strong professional direction, which would mobilize American businessmen who are already successful investors in Israel, and to attract new investors.

Mr. Berinstein agreed that Israel had a "staggering backlog of unmet human needs." He said that his study group had passed a resolution asking the Jewish communities to raise increased funds in 1959 by means of a regular and a special fund.

Thousands of Jews dwelling in East European countries which for years have been sealed off, are finding exit channels suddenly opening up, he said. He said that in one country "60,000 Jews are registered to leave and the number of registrants is expected to double within a month."

ACCUSED SPY'S BAIL SET AT 20,000 POUNDS; MAPAM EXPRESSES SUPPORT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Haifa District Court today set bail for Aharon Cohen, Mapam leader and Arab expert who is charged with espionage in behalf of a "foreign state," at 20,000 pounds. It was stressed that Mr. Cohen, who faces a 15-year prison term if convicted, is suffering from a heart ailment.

Meanwhile, the Mapam Party, in a statement by Meir Yaari, one of its leaders, expressed confidence that Mr. Cohen was "not a spy and not a traitor to Zionism." Mr. Yaari's statement to newsmen declared that though the Mapam Party did not wish to interfere with the government's investigation of Mr. Cohen, who yesterday was formally charged with handing over secret information to an agent of a "foreign power," it felt that on the basis of the information made available to the party there is insufficient proof that Mr. Cohen had committed the alleged crimes. "The party will continue to defend him unless more proof is established," Mr. Yaari stated.

The charges made public yesterday against Mr. Cohen specified that between April and August of this year he had met and passed on information to a foreign agent at or in the vicinity of his home kibbutz, Shaar Haamakim.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES SMASH ARAB SPY RING; ARREST TEN YOUTHS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Another Arab spy ring inside Israel has been smashed and 10 Arab youths living in Galilean villages have been arrested for supplying information to the Syrian military authorities, Israeli security officials announced today. They said the Arab youths had confessed.

The break-up of an Arab espionage network several months ago led to the investigation which produced today's results, Israeli security officials said. Several months of trailing the Arab youths uncovered the fact that they were keeping tabs on Israeli Army movements in Northern Israel and passing on the information to Syrian intelligence. The youths, all of whom speak Hebrew fluently, were highly paid by Syrian standards--100 Syrian pounds.

Two of the members of the ring, Israeli authorities revealed, are brothers and the scions of a prominent Galilee family. They have confessed their part in the affair. It is understood that the Israeli military are checking on Israeli Arab residents said to have given haven to agents from the nearby states. The communique named the heads of the intelligence ring who operate out of Beirut and the Old City of Jerusalem and said their agents had penetrated Israel.

PLAN FOR U.N. ARAB REFUGEE REPATRIATION AGENCY HIT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The proposal made recently in New York for the establishment of a new United Nations agency for repatriation and resettlement of Arab refugees is "liable to do more harm than good," an editorial in the Jerusalem Post declares. The idea, calling for the launching of a 10-year Arab refugee plan costing $400,000,000, originated with the Institute for Mediterranean Affairs in New York, and was endorsed by some well-known American scholars and liberals.

The proposal, according to the newspaper here, seems "plausible at first sight" but it has "not actually been thought out very realistically."

The editorial, entitled "Wrong Tack," points out that a central idea in the plan calls for a plebiscite among the refugees, giving them a choice between going into Israel or into Jordan-controlled Palestine. Holding that the plebiscite idea is not new--since it had already been proposed at the United Nations--the Post states "it is no accident that nothing has come of it." The editorial asks whether the authors of the plan think that Arab leaders would allow refugees to make an honest choice or to sign a pledge that they will not act as a fifth column against Israel.

"Almost" all of the refugees, states the editorial, "would be forced to vote for return to Israel, even against their own interests. The burden on Israel, as regards both security and economics, would be intolerable--precisely what the Arab leaders seek."

"What is most disturbing about the plan," the editorial concludes, "is that it mistakenly puts the refugee problem at the center of the Middle Eastern crisis, the cart before the horse, while it is actually peripheral, despite its distressing dimensions. The central issue is the dangerous instability wilfully produced by Nasserite subversion and expansionism, and only when this destructive force is checked will the refugee problem be found to be moving in the direction of self-solution."

ISRAEL EXTENDS RECOGNITION TO NEW AFRICAN REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Israel has extended diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Guinea and has expressed its readiness to discuss the establishment of diplomatic relations in the near future, the Foreign Ministry announced here today. The announcement added that France and other friendly governments had been informed of the Israeli action.

'INDIFFERENT' TO JEWS, NAZI WAR CRIMINAL TELLS POLISH COURT

VIENNA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Interrupting a parade of witnesses who had accused Erich Koch, former Nazi gauleiter, of many atrocities, the Polish Government's prosecutor, M. Smolenski, told the court trying Koch, at Warsaw, that the prisoner is "guilty of crimes against humanity." Under Polish law, a crime against humanity calls for capital punishment.

Dispatches received from Warsaw today reported the prosecutor's intervention, after a half-dozen witnesses told of the extermination of 220,000 Jews in Bialistok, the death of very young, Jewish children taken out of an orphanage at Rovne, and the mass murder of many Jews in a forest in Ukrainia.

As part of his defense, Koch, who had headed German civil administrations in East Prussia and parts of Poland and Ukrainia, contended that he knew nothing of the fate of Jews, having been "indifferent" to their existence. It was then that the prosecutor interrupted the testimony to tell the court that, as the top official in charge of implementing the Nazi policy of exterminating Jews, some Poles and others, Koch was guilty of "crimes against humanity."

AUSTRIAN GOVT. PARTIES ASK ACTION AGAINST NEO-NAZI ACTIVITIES

VIENNA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A caucus of deputies of both parties in the Government coalition joined today in calling for a session of Parliament to enact a law prohibiting the revival of neo-Nazi activities. The bipartisan caucus was held in response to protests expressed by many in this country who are alarmed at the increasing number of publications devoted to neo-Nazism, and at the growing number of incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism.

Minister of Interior Oskar Helmer announced that he had given strict instruction to the Federal police to take swift and energetic action against all anti-democratic and neo-Nazi activities.

Meanwhile, Mayor Ernst Koref, of Linz, has been awarded the first Crystal Night commemorative medal, according to an announcement by the Board of Jewish Communities of Austria. The Board decided last week to award such a medal annually to a non-Jew who has been outstanding in the fight against anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism.

FOUR JEWS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN SOUTHERN RHODESIAN ELECTIONS

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Four Jewish candidates of the United Federal Party have been chosen for Parliament in the elections just completed. They all received large majorities on the ticket led by Sir Roy Welensky, premier of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The four elected are Peter Staub, Saul Udwin, Mrs. Muriel Rosi, a former member of the territorial parliament, and B. D. Goldberg, Junior Minister for Home Affairs, who was re-elected.

Three other Jewish candidates were defeated. They are Stanley Gurland, George Abrahams and Solly Jossel.

JEW ELECTED MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG; SECOND NAMED DEPUTY

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A Jew was elected Mayor of this city, and another has been chosen Deputy Mayor, in balloting by the City Council. Former Deputy Mayor Ian Maltz has been elected Mayor, the seventh Jew to hold this post in the history of Johannesburg as a municipality. Chosen as Deputy Mayor was Alec Gorshel, who plays a prominent role in the city's cultural life.

ADMINISTRATION STUDYING LEGISLATION ON SYNAGOGUE BOMBS, ROGERS SAYS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Attorney General Rogers said today the Administration was studying legislative proposals covering "the whole gamut" of civil rights including the mailing of hate literature and bombing of synagogues. He said various proposed measures were under "serious" consideration although ho definite decisions have been taken.

He called increased distribution of hate material an indication of "illness" of "certain people." He termed synagogue bombings "cowardly" and said all decent Americans were ashamed of them.

Mr. Rogers said the government was not sitting on its hands in the wake of recent school and religious bombings. He pointed out that the FBI has been assisting local authorities in their inquiries. He said the FBI has held 11 conferences with local police on the bombings. He added that 167 more conferences were scheduled before the present program is completed December 12.

ADMIRAL LEWIS STRAUSS SWORN IN AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss was sworn in today as Secretary of Commerce at a White House ceremony. He formerly served as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and as a special advisor to the President on atoms for peace.

KLUTZNICK, AT ORTHODOX CONVENTION, ASKS TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENCES

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A call for tolerance by the various branches of religious Jewry for each other's denominational differences "without loss of respect for one another," was voiced here tonight by Philip M. Klutznick, national B'nai B'rith president, at a convention of Orthodox congregational leaders. The current trend toward greater religiosity can be encouraged, he added, "if Jewish life is mature enough in its basic attitudes to accept denominational differences."

Addressing the first session of the 60th anniversary national biennial convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Mr. Klutznick also warned against American Jewry's splintering itself by "sectarian differences" among its Orthodox, Reform and Conservative groups. American Jewish religious leaders "must find the formulas for mutual respect without surrendering their denominational differences," he said.

Accepting presentation of the Union's first award for service to world Jewry--made to him and to the 115-year-old B'nai B'rith--Mr. Klutznick told the 1,000 delegates attending the four-day parley of the national association of traditional congregations of the United States and Canada: "This means respect for Orthodoxy and its practices by Reform and Conservative leaders and no less respect by Orthodoxy of the others. Enthusiasm for religious Judaism can be aspired by emphasizing the common beliefs and responsibilities that unite Jews rather than their differences." He also urged intensification of religious education "so that spiritual Jewish life in America can grow in depth."

Mr. Klutznick criticized those American Jews "who seek a vicarious fulfillment of their Jewishness through a reborn Jewish State 6,000 miles away. It is a disservice to Israel and to Jewish survival for American Jewry to express its Jewishness solely in terms of Israel's needs."

In the presentation of the service award, which was made by Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the UOJCA, the organization cited the 115-year-old B'nai B'rith and its president for "major contributions to the welfare of Jewry, for defense of Jewish rights service to humanity and the upholding of Jewish dignity."

HERZL PRESS, NEW ZIONIST PUBLISHING HOUSE, RELEASES FIRST VOLUME

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The first volume to appear under the imprint of the new Herzl Press, a publishing house specializing in books and pamphlets on Zionism and Jewish affairs, will be released tomorrow, according to an announcement today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the board of the Theodor Herzl Foundation. The new press is the publication arm of the foundation.

The first volume is "It Has Come To Pass," an eyewitness account of the problems and aspirations of the people of Israel, by James T. Farrell, American author. Dr. Raphael Patai, anthropologist and lecturer on Middle East affairs, is editor of the publishing concern.

TEL AVIV, FRENCH ARCHAEOLOGISTS ANNOUNCE ANCIENT FINDS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A special gate broken in ancient times through the wall surrounding the city of Jaffa, in honor of Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II, was discovered by the Tel Aviv municipal archaeological department.

Workmen clearing Jaffa's ancient walls had come across stones bearing Egyptian hieroglyphics. Upon examination, the ancient Egyptian inscription was found to include the name of Ramses II. The new discovery, according to scientists here, confirms the chronologic order of layers previously uncovered in Jaffa's ancient walls.

Meanwhile, Jean Paraux, head of a French archaeological team in Israel, announced the discovery near Beersheba, in the Negev, of ivory statuettes and ivory jewelry more than 3,500 years old. M. Paraux described the two statuettes, each about 10 inches high, as a nude man's figure, and the head of a woman. Both are executed in the same style, he said, and are considered more beautifully turned out than pieces of the same period found in Egypt.

ISRAELI EDUCATOR GETS NEW YORK CITY HALL RECEPTION

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Mordecai Kamrat, well-known Israeli educator visiting this country to acquaint Americans with the Ulpan plan of accelerated Hebrew teaching, was formally received at City Hall here today by Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Dr. Kamrat was presented to the Mayor by City Council President Abe Stark and by Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield, head of the Jewish Agency's department of education and culture.

ARGENTINE ZIONIST LEADER EXPLAINS RESIGNATION AS FEDERATION HEAD

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, who yesterday announced his resignation from the chairmanship of the Zionist Federation of Argentina, noted today that one of the most important reasons for his action was the failure of leaders of the territorial federation to support the group's drive, as had been pledged. In addition, he scored the "ridiculously small sums" contributed to the united campaign by many Zionist leaders.