

U.S. JEWS MUST RAISE A HALF BILLION DOLLARS TO MEET NEEDS

KANSAS CITY (WNS) — The American Jewish Community must raise one-half billion dollars to meet Jewish needs at home and abroad, 1,500 Jewish communal leaders attending the 39th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds were told.

C. J. Bernstein, executive vice president, told the delegates that \$400 million

must be raised to meet the United Jewish Appeal's 1971 campaign goals, with another \$100 million required for other needs.

In discussing Jewish problems which the Jewish community must act on, he cited drug abuse as having a "high place on our agenda". Jewish youth are not immune from "this disease which plagues America," he said.

Mr. Bernstein said that in

the past year, some communities have had "the wisdom to recruit, train and place" hundreds of outstanding men and women in communal agencies. But, he added, professional staffs, no matter how able, could not substitute for lay leadership. "We must have," he said, "the ablest and largest number of lay leaders in Jewish communal history."

In another address, Louis J. Fox of Baltimore, chairman of the sub-committee of funding campus projects, and a former CJF president, reported that the CJF had created, for the first time, a \$50,000 fund for such projects. He said that for the first time in the history of the CJF conventions, young people were present as official delegates from their communities. There were

100 students from 20 colleges taking part in the deliberations, he said.

Mr. Fox reported it had long been a concern of Jewish community agencies to involve students in Jewish life, "but not just to learn about it, but rather to be a part of it."

"The students themselves," he added, "had indicated they wanted something better than we had given them and we have put them on the boards and committees of the communal organizations."

A third speaker, Dr. Yaacov Herzog, the Director General of the Israeli Premier's office, called for voluntary long-term fundraising by America's Jewish Communities as evidence of their dedication to "Jewish faith, unity and survival."

NEW YORK — Thirteen major Jewish organizations have asked the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. to declare that the U.S. military academies may not compel cadets to attend religious chapel services. Present requirements for compulsory chapel, the organizations contend, are unconstitutional and "archaic vestiges inconsistent with American traditions of religious freedom."

NEW YORK — For the first time, Soviet Jews have asked the Communist Party in the United States for help in getting permission to leave the Soviet Union and join other members of their families in Israel.

NEW YORK — Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, commenting on the recent Jerusalem colloquium on "Religion, Nationalism, Land and Peoplehood" said those present "probed deeply the religious and ideological forces involved in so many of the national conflicts that have erupted on the five continents of the earth."

PHILADELPHIA — A Fulbright scholar from Japan, marking the first time for a student from that country, is among the foreign students enrolled this year at The Dropsie University. In addition to Gobei Hata, who came here from Kyoto, Japan, there are four new students from Israel who have enrolled as doctoral candidates.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Jewish youths in New York and Los Angeles disrupted rallies celebrating the 53rd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

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