

**JDC BUDGET OF \$24,940,000 FOR 1972 TO AID 315,000 NEEDY JEWS IN 25 COUNTRIES**

**EDWARD GINSBERG ELECTED CHAIRMAN**

NEW YORK -- A budget of \$24,940,000 was adopted for 1972 by the Joint Distribution Committee at its 57th Annual Meeting to finance a broad range of health, welfare, rehabilitation, educational and cultural and religious programs on behalf of over 315,000 Jews in distress in some 25 countries. Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg chaired the meeting.

Approximately 400 Jewish community leaders from the United States and Canada meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel elected Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, Chairman. Mr. Ginsberg, who became the fifth chairman in the 57-year history of the JDC, succeeds Louis Broido.

Mr. Jack D. Weiler was re-elected Chairman of the National Council for a sixth one year term and also Vice-Chairman of the JDC. Judge Nochem S. Winnet of Philadelphia was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the National Council.

In accepting the chairmanship of the major American Jewish agency aiding needy Jews abroad, Mr. Ginsberg said "I am completing a four-year term as General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and I can think of no greater honor that can be conferred upon me than the chairmanship of the Joint Distribution Committee."

Reporting on JDC programs for 1971, Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman, disclosed that JDC will have spent \$23,527,000 by the end of 1971 aiding some 311,000 Jews in

Israel, in Eastern and Western Europe, in North Africa, Asia and other countries and in strengthening Jewish communal services.

About 40 per cent of the 1971 expenditures went for a variety of programs aiding some 97,000 people in Israel. In North Africa and Iran, which have a combined Jewish population of about 135,000, JDC programs accounted for 25 per cent of the year's expenditures and aided some 43,000 needy Jews.

JDC programs in Western and Eastern Europe accounted for 30 per cent of the year's expenditures and as-

sisted approximately 160,000 persons. In Western Europe, Mr. Haber noted, most of the costs were for care and maintenance of transmigrants going to countries other than Israel.

A highlight of the Annual Dinner Meeting was an address by Dr. Melvin M. Tumin, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Princeton University.

Analyzing the significance of the Joint Distribution Committee in terms of the Jewish community and in sociological concepts, Dr. Tumin noted that "as a temporary organization the JDC has had a

longer, more durable and stable existence and growth than could possibly have been predicted from its long-standing commitment to temporariness. Indeed, it is probably the most

permanent temporary organization ever invented."

The JDC was formed in 1914 as a temporary group to disburse relief funds to Jewish World War I sufferers.

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