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OPENING SESSION TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1958 9:00 PM

Chairman -- (American to be selected)

National Anthems of the United States and Israel with orchestra and choir

The chief rabbi of Israel, Dr. Herzog
(to extend the greetings of the city of Jerusalem and
to bless the conference)

The American Ambassador
(to extend greetings and welcome the Americans)

A musical selection by the orchestra and choir

The chairman of The Jewish Agency Executive -- Address

The Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal -- Address

A musical number by the orchestra and choir

The President of the State of Israel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1958

MORNING -- Visit to Jerusalem Exhibition

NOON -- Assembly of conference participants in main hall of exhibition;
Address by Mayor Agron

2:30 PM Business Session at Hebrew University:

American Chairman-calls meeting to order

Community Cash Announcements

Cash Total and Campaign Report

Address by Mr. Avraham Harman

5:30 PM Garden Party Reception by the President

EVENING SESSION - 9:00 PM

American Chairman -- calls meeting to order

Israel Army Songs
(2 or 3 numbers)

General Laskov -- Remarks

The Treasurer of the Jewish Agency -- Address

The Prime Minister of Israel

Edward M. M. Warburg -- Response

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1958

Mt. Herzl -- Ceremony at grave of Herzl with cantor and one short memorial speech about the meaning of Dr. Herzl, his life, his ideal and what it means to the life of every Jew who is present at the grave.

Walk in silent meditation to the Military Cemetery for another ceremony including one short talk not exceeding 5 minutes.

Sign Memorial Book. Distribution of pin or scroll.

JUNE, 1958

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Notes made during visit to Europe and Israel.

Eric Rosenberg -- Ashville, N.C.

Jews in Germany will not emigrate, except under pogrom circumstances. Numbers are increasing. Those coming back are the ones unsuccessful elsewhere. Economic prospects are good.

Some say they feel well adjusted in Germany -- on other hand, one community leader said that when his son (now 14) is old enough to serve in German army, he leaves for Israel..

No qualified leadership personnel. They are people of good intentions -- took leadership perforce in 1945 + 1948 -- and are doing best they can.

Jewish population will increase in near future by immigration -- but I am not optimistic in long run. I have no confidence in attitude of Germans toward Jews. In long run Jews will not be part of community -- are just there by economic expediency.

There will be numbers of Jews, but no community.

They deserve help -- moral support and professional workers -- not necessarily money. I spoke with them about own fund-raising -- told them not to be schmorrers.

The economic security is a cover over a deeper tragedy -- because most of these people are the misfits. An old couple (Germany - Shanghai - Israel - Germany) said that they felt in Paradise. They never had it so good. This is the tragedy -- they are happy if they eat and are not killed.

Went to Synagogue in Frankfurt where I had lived many years. Sad because I recognized no one. Happy because I saw ten Jews (Eastern) reading Torah with Rashi.

Cannot condemn those who went back. Who knows whether it is safer in Germany, or in France, for instance, if there is a radical anti-semitic fascist movement after De Galle? Most of the parachutists of Massu are former SS (via the Foreign Legion). In such event there could be a mass migration back from France to Germany of former German refugees.

On restitution -- German government officially says it will continue. Some say that the climate toward Jews is changing (also German economic prosperity is flattening out) and that there is a possibility of getting less. Time is working against us.

Civil service is getting anti-semitic.

American Jewish Committee also thinks the German attitude is unreconstructed. Their polls show this.

Germans don't talk about Jewish problem, because there are so few Jews around -- but this is also an indication, because there is no public admission of guilt (outside of government).

To force the Jewish community to become more self-sufficient, Claims Conf. money should be reduced (spread same money over 12 years instead of next 6). If you do this, there is the psychological problem of taking away from them what they consider is theirs.

1. EGYPT -- movement to France (or any other country) in transit to U.S.
2. POLAND -- continues -- either repats. frozen and therefore in need, or can emigrate.
3. FRANCE -- serious people are pessimistic. De Gaulle is only a beginning. People in background waiting to take over or exploit De Gaulle are not friendly to Jews.

A group was formed in London to concern for potential political refugees from France. (Story in London Observer)

Will be tightening of regulations re refugees, transit visas, work permits, residence cards, etc.

Overt acts of anti-semitism. Police riots, Tombstone inscriptions, feeling of uneasiness.

4. ALGERIA -- will be sharpening of conflict, Jews will have to choose sides. Such a predicament may force an emigration. And this may not be able to channel itself to France.

Karlikow -- De Gaulle never connected with anti-semitism. Is privately favorable to Israel, as are most of his cabinet ministers. De Gaulle does not necessarily represent only the Right.
(Am. Jew. Committee man)

ALGERIA -- Colons are very anti-semitic. If they come out on top, the Jews are in trouble.

If any real anti-semitism starts in France, it will certainly spread to Belgium and other European countries.

Well-being of Jews depends upon a country being democratic. If democracy has broken down in France, this is a catastrophe, both for Jews in France, or other countries. Whether De Gaulle wins or loses, the Jews lose (because after de Gaulle comes military dictatorship.)

Sitting on three powder-kegs

1. De Gaulle and France
2. Nasser and U.A.R.
3. Eastern European satellites

Whole picture is bad and shaky -- we must buy insurance.

on question of whether special fund for 1959
Passman: Strongest appeal must be on basis of Israel's emergency. There the emergency is real, if it is not anywhere else. Backlog of immigrants we have dumped into Israel in last three years represents a problem huge enough to justify another special fund. (This is also opinion of Charlie Jordan and Erich Rosenberg).

Murray Troper -- have an emergency fund for Israel to wrap up the other emergencies. Don't give up the emergency fund. By any means.

New Egyptian Law -- 15 April, 1958 -- Official Journal #31

All Jews between 10 and 65 who have departed are put on a black list and are unable to return. This might be construed to apply to tourists because law states people who have come in provisionally can be listed. This applies to all Jews -- not Zionists as in previous decrees. This is clear-cut racial legislation.

Ambassador Tsur -- If De Gaulle succeeds, all will be quiet. Federation of France, Algeria, Black Africa, Madagascar -- common defense, foreign policy, each territory autonomous, practically independent. He won't negotiate with FLN, but may give them more than they would even hope for themselves.

If he fails, there will be severe bloodshed in Algeria, anarchy and perhaps civil war in France, and maybe a communist government thereafter. In this case, the Jews of Algeria will obviously panic, but even France won't be safe for them.

De Gaulle has clear powers until 7 Oct. After that the situation will be clearer.

French personalities to the U.S. with Golda's permission. Ask him in October.

Extend invitation in writing to briefing session in Geneva in October. Willing to come.

Thinking of joining Agency Executive. Wants to go home. Wants to know if I am going to join. *(Is he nuts?)*

Israel

Zigel - Absorption Dept. of J.A.

*gives Report on Iran*Dov Zachor - J.A.Chaim Gutenberg)
Zion Zbichi) ClitahTeheran -- 40,000)
Isfahan -- 10,000) Total of 83,000
Shiraz -- 16,000)

Mostly poor -- no middle class. Small intellectual and professional class. Big business men are really big. Importers. Only 2-3 have factories. Persian market main merchants are Jews. Most poor Jews live in ghettos. Shiraz looks like Marrakesh. Most Jews are poor peddlars. Ghettos are shocking. Some Jews work in Coca-Cola factory at \$30 per month. Most families have 4-6 kids. Kids don't look bad. This is because work of Joint. 12,000 kids in schools of Alliance and Otzar Hatorah. They get fed daily and two clothing rations per year (Pesach and Succos).

Desire to emigrate among poor is strong, even though they fear the unknown in Israel. Would estimate that 20-30,000 would want to leave -- perhaps 10,000 per year for several years. Concerning rich Jews -- they have no idea of coming and no knowledge. A special group of 37 couples made a special flight for Independence Day -- rich ones. Brought a rug for the President. Country made a terrific impression. They were dried like children.

Sime (pres. U.J.C.)
Moshe Toub (Pres. Z.O.)
Kashfi (Chairman of group)

Elkanan brothers
Chai brothers

Moshe) These are the power behind the 18
Kermenyan) families who are planning to settle as a
Omidvar) group in August 1958.

The rich group was asked for 5 million loan to Agency. They will do something. They don't give money -- but can be made to think of loans for investment.

The smaller professional group intends to bring 1/2 million capital -- practice their professions (doctors, engineers, chemists) and also go into a clothing factory in Jerusalem.

There has been for several years a group of 5-6 thousand who have always wanted to come, and they are coming at rate of 500-600 per month.

Question of further group beyond this will really depend upon Clitah conditions in Israel. If good letters go back, more will come.

New Persian immigrants

They are concentrated in Ofakim, Kiryat Gat, Beth Shean, Hatzor. A few individuals also with money.

They are quiet people -- somewhat religious, good material, naturally bright -- shy, retiring.
38,000 came between 1948 and the present aliyah.

In Teheran only quarter in ghetto -- but in small villages almost all. Teheran they see more European influence.

Joint does a tremendous job.

Personal Visit to Iran

Kindergarten #1 (Miss Evelyn Peters, Milwaukee)

500 kids. 3-6 age 8 - 3:30 p.m.

2 teachers to class of 50. Kids get baths, once per week, haircuts, 3 feedings. Teachers (young girls) get 1500 (80 per \$) rials per month = \$18.

Clinic at school with nurse in attendance all day long. Professional standards very high. Jewish content even at this age. Hebrew songs, dances, prayers, holidays.

Joint largest distribution of USDA supplies in Iran. Rice and meat bought locally.

Kids nap after lunch.

Greetings of kids - "Shalom".

In clinic saw medical intake card which follows child through school system. Mother requested to come at first registration.
16,000 kids in country registered in school program.
14,000 in feeding and clothing program. Other 2,000 are middle class and need only school and health.

There is second kindergarten in city. Also 450 kids.

(went to graduation ceremony following night at second kindergarten)

Mahalle -- 7,000 people (1400 families at 5 persons average).
Plus 3,000 around Mahalle. with
One room per family, grouped in courtyards, which dark narrow corridors between. Sanitation advanced over Casablanca and Tunis. Courtyards are open to light and sky. Clean impression - no smell. There are 350 courtyards divided into three areas -- each with sanitation engineer. One environmental sanitarian to stress garbage disposal, rotten fruit sellers to be prohibited, etc. Mothers taught to boil water, etc., in a so-called "Mothers' Club". Sanitation program is 4 years old. Three main purposes -- garbage, excreta disposal water.
University graduate, speaks English, very dependable -- acting engineer in charge - 8,000 rials (\$100) per month. Drew map of Mahalle.

ORT -- behind big wall --

13 buildings	-- clinic	-- kitchen	
electromechanic	-- saw boys	winding armatures	children's clothes
automechanic	women's clothes	mechaniker	coiffeur
carpenter	painting		

250 students -- boys and girls. I did not get impression it was full.

Kitchen is amazing -- clean -- no flies -- best in Iran.
Ort has 150 students also in Alliance School.
100 kids from provinces are housed and fed.
All others are fed. Baths three times weekly -- cold daily in summer.

I have impression that school could accommodate physically many more pupils.

Jewish Agency camp (next door to ORT) -- door in wall.
People are invited here, after selection in the provinces. Further medical exam made here to complete the check-up. When people come here, they bring luggage and complete passport formalities. Average waiting time in camp is two weeks. Now there are two planes weekly. El Al.

Today there are 400 people in camp. There is capacity for 600.
Camp is in good order -- flowers, clean, isolation beds for children and adults in case of contagious illness. Simple classes for children, to keep them busy.

Social Welfare Commission questionnaire shows 6,000 people need help. This has been organized in last 7 months. Actually 900 people are coming at moment. It will increase to the 6,000. The categories include convalescents, widows, invalids, unemployables, anonymous (pride), etc. They receive beans, meat, rice, bread, sugar.

Investigation of who is eligible for relief is made by lay members of commission, with help of one professional social worker.

Attitude of clients to committee members is good. They try to be friendly. Social worker 8 years in program said she never saw fight or disagreement.

In addition to food, there is a bath ticket for kids (older than kindergarten) The kids must take the bath and show that the coupon has been clipped. This is quid pro quo, *to get ration.*

Last Passover, Commission raised itself 250,000 rials (80 per \$) which was half the total expense.

"We are here to do our duty to Jews. Our brothers and sisters must be helped."

(Madame Reva Monosson - social worker.

(Dr. Berjas - dentist - office in *Mehady* - chairman of invest. - volunteer

Both people work with love. *Mehale*

ALLIANCE SCHOOL -- tremendous building -- 1585 pupils

in all Iran 8,000 students, including 800 Moslems (we must). Of these 3500 are in Teheran.

Otzar Hatorah cooperates with the Hebrew program and Joint cooperates with a health program. Perfect cooperation.

Hebrew teachers coming from Israel with new pedagogy. Otzar Hatorah bringing these teachers.

Educational program necessary even in face of Aliyah, because people are prolific. Fight against infant mortality means that population grows, even in face of aliyah.

OTZAR HATORAH SCHOOL --

tremendous reception in courtyard -- complete surprise -- turned corner and 500 kids started applauding -- Baruch Haba, etc.

Flowers to Isaac Shalom -- 3 children came across courtyard to read poems and manuscripts -- Hebrew and English.

Sports group did acrobatics -- children sang -- teachers beamed -- tremendous feeling of accomplishment on part of all.

OTZAR HATORAH

Teheran -- 1,000 in 4 schools, one big, three branches.

Iran -- 3,000 more, including special Hebrew classes.

Shiraz -- 2 schools --	1,200
Abadan	300
Kerman	170
Khonsan	80
All small groups scattered over country	500

Government approves curriculum of general studies, both in Otzar Hatorah and Alliance.

JDC has students Aid program -- 40 persons who are graduates of Alliance and now in universities -- studying medicine, engineering, etc. These are terribly poor boys, who live in ghettos and don't even have transportation money. They get individual subsidies. Maximum 1500 rials per month (75).

No real anti-semitism in any political sense. But this is the Shi-ite sect of Mohammedanism, which is most traditional, and least able to accommodate religiously to non-Moslems. Discrimination is felt in an economic sense. No written rule anywhere, but many places Jews cannot get jobs. Many ministries (Finance, War) don't hire Jews. University does. Many factories don't. Pepsi-Cola does. It is a mixed picture. (This partially accounts for fact I noticed and mentioned -- namely, ORT school didn't appear full. It is a question of students lack of confidence in getting jobs after completing several years of study.)

JDC Staff meeting
(of JDC staff)
Schiff says JDC policy of no capital investment is wrong here. Some plant should be built here -- especially schools. If JDC ever withdrew but left schools for Alliance and Otzar Hatorah -- that would be good. Local community can maintain a program without outside aid if there is physical plant. (e.g. Alliance during war).

For example, purchasing a summer camp once and for all, instead of ~~resisting~~ *renting* each summer and investing in improvements, toilets, showers, to make it habitable, which are then left behind each fall.

JDC
Miss Cohen - nurse - said there is physical danger in Iran -- not from political antisemitism -- but from danger of disease and cross-infection. There is real danger of disease here and it must be combatted.

Bottle of worms on Senor's desk # - 103 taken from 4 year old girl. They were eating her up inside. She was dull and groggy, losing weight. Lassitude has now disappeared -- and she is alert and normal. Many have worms.

Rabbi Levy of Otzar Hatorah says that the further expansion must be in direction of more and better trained teachers.

Graduation Ceremony of Nursing Class -- received caps. Very sentimental -- held lighted candle -- kneeled. Ladies Committee responsible for nursing class training.

This ceremony held in kindergarten #2, which had first anniversary celebration same time. Children opened program with song, Iranian anthem and Hatikvah, before nurses came in.

Large open-air courtyard -- colored papers strung on wires -- much passing of Pepsi-Cola (bottles breaking).

15 nurses graduating -- 50 kids in kindergarten choir -- 500 guests.
Actually four-fold occasion:

1. Nurse Graduation and capping.
2. First anniversary of kindergarten #2
3. 11th Anniversary of Ladies Committee (now joined as affiliate of International Council Jewish Women) - *Mrs. Hekmat*
4. Graduation Ceremony of 14 girls trained as kindergarten teachers in 3-month course organized and taught by Miss Peters.

ISFAHAN

ORT school -- 60 girls -- no boys.

Kindergarten inside filth of ghetto -- oasis of trees and beauty, comparatively. Have 230 kids -- could take another 350, if they could expand. People want it.

Principal is girl who had seven years in Israel and spoke Hebrew.

Medical Center -- Complete program, for sick, for preventive, for well. Children get food, toys, music, baths, all amenities. Lectures and movies given to mothers to teach them sanitation.

Trachoma is down to almost nothing -- 2%.

No tinia.

Worms -- 100% -- either one of several varieties. Shocking!

ALLIANCE SCHOOL

1100 pupils.

Regular approved course.

Hebrew ten hours weekly in first four years -- after that decreases 4 hours in next years, then down to 2 hours at end.

Subjects include prayer, laws, Torah, Mishna, language.

Director and wife are from Paris.

Mahalle

Worse than Teheran -- smell bad -- dirt worse.

Old Synagogue: -- Down in cave, almost, in Mahalle -- very old Torahs -- central table made with 4 handles to keep it portable, as in Bible. They feel the community is rooted from time of Temple. Name of Isfahan used to be Yahudich, composed entirely of Jews -- this was centuries ago.

There is village near here with fanatical Moslems, who have hole in ground, leading to synagogue, where they have Torah. They don't know meaning of it anymore. But the story is they are descended from Jews.

In Isfahan

Alliance -- 1100
Kindergarten 230
ORT 60

1400 pupils out of total population of 4,000. This is high percentage of children being cared for.

There is Jewish cemetery 40 kilometers from present town (Isfahan then might have been closer to cemetery -- not on present site) -- with one stone dating 1100 years ago -- 850 C.E.

Up to 40 years ago, before the big revolution of Reza Shah, Jews were in a terrible condition. They could not walk on the sidewalk, for fear their shadow would be cast on a Moslem and contaminate him. They had to walk in the middle of the road. They could not walk in the rain, for fear the drops would hit Jews and then spatter on Moslems. They were restricted to the Mehalle for certain hours.

SHIRAZ

Gravel airstrip

Mahalle -- 500 courtyards each with 2, 3, 4 families -- 90 of them cleaned already -- with decent water and toilets -- no smell. Rate of progress is 3 or 4 courts per month. Slow but steady. Uncleaned ones are horrible.

Met one woman returned from Magdiel in Jerusalem. She didn't want to come back. Her husband insisted -- saying life in Israel was too hard. (He is a gatekeeper in Iran).

Mahalle really depressing -- narrow corridors, low entrances, very dark until get inside courtyard. Lots of dirt.

ORT School --

1. carpentry -- up to and including full bedroom bureau.
2. shoes -- complete
3. baby clothing
4. adult women
5. trousers and shirts for men

309 students -- of whom 220 are regular and 80 are night students, coming from Otzar Hatorah school.

This ORT school has very practical approach to trades which can provide jobs. People always need clothing.

Very good exposition room of clothing they made.

Future depends on training local personnel -- i.e. 6 nurses in clinic in Shiraz or HAVARI, five local type sanitarian.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Levels lowest anywhere
2. People willing to cooperate with JDC (i.e. asked to provide 500 feces and they do)
3. The very few rich really don't help -- with exceptions: ^{Sinuhe} ~~Sinuhe~~, Kasfi, Elchamen, Mrs. Hekmat. In provinces almost nothing.
4. People need every kind of help -- food, clothing, baths, medicine, sanitation program, schools, jobs, money -- whole range of medical care.

- Big point is that they need housing, far from the filth of the ghettos comes all the trouble -- worms, etc.
5. People have potential and are good. Joint Director says that "when the people get help, they rise above their surroundings. It is not money down the rathole."
 6. Quality of people --
 - a. examine battle record of Persians in Sinai campaign
 - b. compare people today who were helped from beginning of program
 - c. look at those few who are trained here -- nurses, kindergarten teachers, sanitarians. They work hard, are terribly devoted, consecrated. This is the best proof that the people can respond when help is offered.
 7. Fantastic poverty
 8. Universal parasitic infestation, which means personal educational program (use paper), and total environmental change (cleaning out the ghetto).
 9. Joint workers are heroes -- describe life of Donna Garson or Evelyn Peters.
 10. More people must visit here. This is largest Jewish community between Israel and San Francisco.

STRONG GERMAN INFLUENCE IN TEHERAN. ALL CITY BUSES ARE MERCEDES-BENZ. VOLKSWAGON AND OPEL VERY POPULAR PRIVATE CARS. GERMAN BUSINESSMEN SEEN AND HEARD ALL OVER PLACE. MANY GERMAN TOURISTS.

JEWISH AGENCY

Dov Zachor, *Director*

No formal status in Iran, but government knows what we are doing, and our relations with top offices are good.

Reason for no status is there are no relations between Israel and Iran. Nevertheless, Zachor issues visas, as though he were a consulate.

Iran government wishes work to be done without noise or propaganda. They are sensitive to Arab reaction. If we make publicity about Iran, please do not mention figures. Speak of reuniting families, taking out poor people.

Rich Jews are psychologically against aliyah, because they need their Jews in order to keep their business (sometimes shady) going. Sometimes the rich go to police and speak against the aliyah. One man was arrested, then freed. Somehow, we must work around them. The poor really want to go. They have nothing here.

It is not necessary to make propaganda. The people are coming to us. Best propaganda is good letter from Israel. 80% of letters are good.

Persian
Every man from 18 - 26 must remain in country, as part of *army* reserve. Permission to leave may be obtained for compassionate grounds or foreign study or some other special reason.

This creates a tremendous problem. We must work for individuals to get this permission, or a whole family gets held up. This permission can be obtained for money. In May we had 26 families involved in this problem. It may be the same figure each month.

Top military officers are willing to help us work this out. We need to go this way, because we have no legal status to ask for blanket exception for Jews.

First half of 1959 I see the aliyah continuing with large reservoir of people who want to go.

If we break the opposition of the rich, we can have thousands willing to go. This would carry the balance of 1959 and 1960. There are a minimum of 20,000 in Iran who are desirous of going.

Relations with the Joint are the best. They help us and we try to help them. No problems between us.

We asked the Joint to issue clothing for immigrants. This is being decided in Paris.

We want to do the hernia operations here, before they go to Israel, in order to eliminate the protectzia a hernia victim has in Israel.

Kashfi - *rich local Jew, one of few active leaders.*

During period Joint has been in Iran many improvements have been made. Hospitals and kindergartens are saving lives. Yazd and Kirman are 5 centuries behind Shiraz, which is like London in comparison.

Three types in Iran -- 5% quite wealthy; 15% can earn living and live passably; 80% are dead poor. The rich are beginning to learn that they must help.

Something must be done in Iran in next ten years to bring up the standard of the poor animals; and something must be done in Israel to improve the standard of those who do emigrate. All must go in next ten years, *including me.*

Senor's advice
S.O.P. for Visitors

Sunday through Thursday

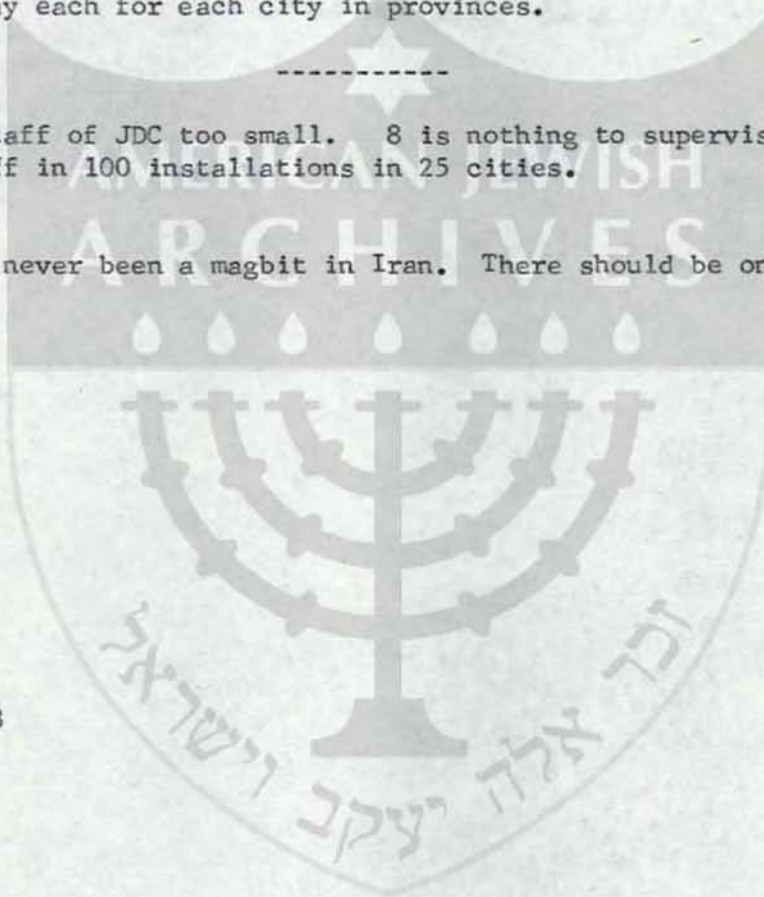
2 days for Teheran

1 extra day each for each city in provinces.

Foreign Staff of JDC too small. 8 is nothing to supervise hundreds of local staff in 100 installations in 25 cities.

There has never been a magbit in Iran. There should be one.

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July, 1958



LEVY UJAPPEAL NEWYORK

PRESS COLLECT

*HAF files -
Overseas Trip June 55*

HEREWITH NEWS STORY PROPOSSIBLE USE CONNECTION FRIEDMAN ARRIVAL STOP
FRIEDMAN REQUESTS YOU ASK HENRY BERNSTEIN ETCHICAGO WHETHER ARRIVAL STORY
WOULD BE HELPTFUL CONNECTION WINDUP THEIR CAMPAIGNS EREASE YOUR DECISION
WHETHER OR NOT ADUSE THIS ON THEIR REPLIES STOP IF AFFIRMATIVE FRIEDMAN
SAYS UP ADYOU WHETHER SIMPLY ISSUE THIS OR HAVE PRESS CONFERENCE NEWYORK
POSTARRIVAL STOP HIS PRESENT PLAN CALL PROARRIVAL NEWYORK SUNDAY MORNING
JULY THIRTEENTH KLM 639 STOP STORY FOLLOWS COLON WHILE ISRAEL IS CALM
ETCONFIDENT DURING TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR COMMA NATION IS ATTEMPTING ADGRAPPLE
CUMHUGE AMOUNT QUOTE UNFINISHED BUSINESS UNQUOTE RESULTING EXHEAVY IMMIGRATION
RECENT YEARS FRIEDMAN REPORTED ON RETURN EXSIX WEEK VISIT ISRAEL PARA OUTPOINTED
OVER ONEHUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS HAD FLOODED ISRAELWARDS SINCE
TEMPO IMMIGRATION INCREASED AT BEGINNING 1955 STOP THESE IMMIGRANTS HAVE
BEEN PARTIALLY ABSORBED BUT ISRAEL HAS HAD NEITHER TIME NOR FINANCIAL
RESOURCES ADINTEGRATE THEM COMPLETELY INTO NATION OR ECONOMY PARA QUOTE
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PARA FRIEDMAN OUTPOINTED COMMA DESPITE DRAMATIC EXPANSION HOUSING CONSTRUCTION
RECENT YEARS COMMA OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE STILL LIVING IN TIN HUTS
ETWOODEN SHACKS MAABAROT ETOTHER SUBSTANDARD HOUSING STOP ISRAEL DETERMINED
ADELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM STOP TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND HOUSING UNITS MUST BE
CONSTRUCTED ADREACH THIS GOAL COMMA HE SAID DISCLOSING FIRST SEVEN THOUSAND
UNITS WERE RECENTLY COMMISSIONED AS INITIAL STEP TOWARDS THIS END PARA
ANOTHER URGENT NEED IS ADHELP IMMIGRANT FARM SETTLEMENTS WHICH STRUGGLING
TOWARD ECONOMIC VIABILITY BUT WHICH STILL

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LEVY UJAPPEAL NEWYORK PRESS COLLECT

SHORT NEEDED EQUIPMENT LIVESTOCK ETIRRIGATION PARA QUOTE EVERYWHERE AYE WENT
ISRAEL AYE WAS ASKED WHETHER AMERICAN JEWRY UNDERSTANDS THESE PROBLEMS ETWHETHER
THEY UNDERSTAND TASK CONSOLIDATING HEAVY IMMIGRATION RECENT YEARS IS VITAL
ADISRAELS FUTURE WELLBEING UNQUOTE PARA NOTING GREAT STRETCHES ISRAELS NEGEV
SOUTHLAND STILL BARREN FRIEDMAN SAID HIGHLY PLACED OBSERVER ISRAELWARDS HAD
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DESERT THAN WIN WAR UNQUOTE PARA DECLARING MORALE VERY HIGH ISRAEL TODAY COMMA
SAID VISITOR ADTHAT COUNTRY IS STRUCK VIAFACT COMMA DESPITE CURRENT TENSIONS
MIDEAST COMMA THERES DREEPLY ROOTED SENSE CALM CONFIDENCE ETPURPOSE ISRAEL ACCOMPAN-
IED BY GREAT VIGILENCE PARA SAID ISRAEL PUBLICS REACTION ADGIANT TENTH
ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION IN JERUSALEMS CONVENTION CENTRE WAS ILLUSTRATIVE HIGH
MORALE ETPUBLICS PROFOUND LOVE PRONATION STOP OUTPOINTED ONE MILLION MEN WOMEN
CHILDREN DASH HALF POPULATION DASH ARE EXPECTED ADFLOOD JERUSALEMWISE EXEVERY
PART COUNTRY OVER THREE MONTH PERIOD ADSEE EXHIBITION WHICH OUTLINES ISRAELS
ACCOMPLISHMENTS ETPDRAMATISES ISRAELS HISTORY STOP IT WASPARTICULARLY INTERESTING
ADSEE NEW IMMIGRANTS COMMA SOME IN COUNTRY ONLY FEW MONTHS ETSTILL NOT SPEAKING
LANGUAGE COMMA VISIT EXHIBITION IN SEARCH PROINNER MEANING COUNTRY ETRoots NATION
IN ITS PAST SINCE THEY THEMSELVES ARE SEEKING ADFIND OWN ROOTS PARA HERE STATE
WHAT FRIEDMAN DID ISRAEL DASH JUNE CONFERENCE MOVIE ETC STOP NOTHING ON PERSIA
EXCEPT ADSAY HE SPENT WEEK THERE REGARDS

ROSENFELD

9.7.58

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JOINTFUND
TEHERAN (IRAN)

May 28, 1958

THANKS CABLE BELIEVE ISFAHAN ESSENTIAL THEREFORE TRY INCLUDE BUT NOT EXPENSE
PERSEPOLIS

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
GOLDSTEIN

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GOLDTEIN UJAPPEAL NEWYORK AMERICAN JEWISH
RECEIVED CABLE HAD ARRANGED TEHERAN TUESDAY SHIRAZ WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY PERSEPOLIS FRIDAY RETURN TEHERAN SATURDAY DETAILS MAY
27 LETTER IF ISFAHAN ESSENTIAL CABLE
JOINTFUND

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