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JEWS IN SOUTH REPORTED STRONGLY AFFECTED BY SEGREGATION CONTROVERSY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 24, (JTA) - - The predicament in which the Jews in the South find themselves as a result of the desegregation controversy was widely discussed by Jewish leaders from many communities assembled here at the four-day conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which concluded at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel today.

The Jewish leaders, representing the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, all national Jewish religious organizations, Jewish War Veterans and many Jewish community councils, were told that the Jews in the South find themselves in the middle of the fight between the "White Citizens Councils" and the Negroes with regard to implementation of the Supreme Court decision against segregation. Dr. Arnold Rose, Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota and an authority on minority and civil rights problems, told the conference:

"Jews are somewhat suspected in the south of being relatively liberal-minded in regard to civil rights, which they are on the average, although many individual Jews are vicious proponents and practitioners of discrimination. In order to avert suspicion, and even worse things like boycott, some Southern Jewish merchants are joining the White Citizens' Councils, although their relationship is nominal. Nevertheless, race prejudice has a slippery quality, and in some Southern communities the Citizens' Councils are attacking Jews as well as Negroes.

"In the national Jewish organizations, most of the influence of Southern members is directed toward asking for 'understanding' of the South and toward opposing public expressions of support for the Negro and the Supreme Court. Some of the national Jewish leaders have consequently become ardent proponents of the 'moderation' philosophy and among the most active spreaders of tales about incipient violence in the South. These Jewish leaders are contributing to a most serious disservice to the Jewish group as well as to the whole nation, in my opinion.

"Southern Jewish leaders," Prof. Rose declared, "can be expected to keep quiet about the Negro problem so as not to draw fire on themselves. But national Jewish leaders have the opportunity that other American leaders have of helping to rid the United States of its major Achilles' heel, which has particularly threatened the Jews. If they do not take a long-run and courageous view of the current crisis, they are playing the same role that collaborationist Jews played in Europe during the Nazi period. National Jewish leaders are not on the personal firing line, and they should be expected to give at least moral support to the battle for civil rights," Prof. Rose said.

"In this situation," he continued, "Southern Jews who are also national leaders have to make the hard choice, and in general will have to give up national leadership, much as Southern Democratic Party leaders know that they can never hope to run for the Presidency. In a minority strategy, some may have to play the collaborationists' role, but they cannot also play the leaders' role, and their national rewards must be surreptitious."

N. C. R. A. C. Parley Calls for Enforcement of Desegregation Decision

In a resolution on the desegregation issues adopted at its concluding session today, the National Community Relations Advisory Council conference emphasized that "respect for law, orderly process, and the institution of government is a prerequisite to the preservation of our democratic system." The resolution said that "it is the responsibility of all agencies of government at every level to demand and obtain compliance with the law."

The resolution also asked Congress to enact legislation to safeguard rights to freedom of the franchise, freedom from personal molestation and the right to resort to the courts for enforcement of Constitutional guarantees. It also called on the two major political parties to incorporate in their platforms pledges to support the Supreme Court decision and to use the full powers of all branches of the Federal government to secure implementation of the Court's order.

In another resolution, the N. C. R. A. C. pledged support of the "right of all organizations working for full equality to carry out their legitimate functions free from interference and arbitrary restraint." The resolution specifically noted that the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People has been banned in several states and faces similar action in others for exercising its constitutional right to "invoke judicial process in pursuit of legal objectives."

The resolution called on the agencies of government--Federal, state and local--to fulfill their responsibility to the Constitution by exercising their full authority to prevent interference with and abridgement of Constitutional liberties and urges upon all citizens, in recognition that freedom is indivisible, they protect their own freedom by protesting any denial of those freedoms to their fellow Americans.

The conference also called for the enactment of state fair educational practice laws prohibiting discrimination by higher educational institutions on grounds of race, color or religion. It urged "denial of accreditation to any college, university or professional school which discriminates in the admission or treatment of students on the basis of race, religion, color or national origin."

U.S. Criticized for Condoning Arab Action Against American Jews

The NCRAC conference, at which plans for coordinating activities to combat anti-Semitism in this country were mapped, also adopted a resolution strongly criticizing the action of the United States Government "which has acquiesced in and, for all practical purposes, condoned open and flagrant acts of discrimination by the Arab states against American citizens on the basis of their religious beliefs." The resolution said this is "in utter violation of the most fundamental American resolutions." It called upon the U. S. Government to:

1. "Notify all nations of the world that our government will not tolerate discrimination against American citizens because of their religion; 2. Instruct all agencies of the government to desist from screening qualified American citizens for military, diplomatic or other service in a foreign country solely because of objections by that country to American citizens on religious grounds; 3. Provide expressly in all treaties and executive agreements with foreign countries that American citizens shall not be denied rights of travel, employment, trade or any other rights under such treaty or agreements because of the religion of individual American citizens.

The resolution also called on the President's Committee on Government Contracts and the President's Committee on Employment Policy "to insure that there shall be no yielding to the religious prejudice of the Arab countries in the hiring or placement of American personnel."

Another resolution urged "increased vigilance on the part of our government to the end that Arab consular and embassy officials will not be permitted to violate their diplomatic status by aiding and abetting" anti-Jewish practices and that such Arab official representatives desist from engaging in activities which are "beyond the legitimate scope of their diplomatic functions."

The resolution scored the American Friends of the Middle East and the American Council for Judaism for accepting and using in their propaganda some of the "most extreme and dangerous falsehoods and distortions put forth by the Arab propaganda apparatus."

Conference Notes Suppression of Jewish Culture in USSR

In a resolution on the Jewish situation in the Soviet Union, the conference referred to the Khrushchev repudiation of Stalin and noted that there has been "no Soviet repudiation of the terror against Jews, the suppression of Jewish culture and Jewish institutions" or of the "cynical Soviet machinations through arms deals and other collaboration with the Arabs to destroy the delicately balanced peace of the Middle East."

It also pledged to continue exposure and denunciation of every attempt by "Communists and Communist sympathizers who infiltrate and subvert legitimate organizations and movements working for the promotion of civil rights, civil liberties and other extensions of democratic freedom."

The NCRAC conference expressed "regret" that "certain national Jewish community relations agencies are not participating in the cooperative process. We again invite these agencies to rejoin," the resolution said. The conference re-elected the following officers: Bernard H. Trager of Bridgeport, Conn., chairman; three vice-chairmen: Isaac Pacht of Los Angeles, David L. Ullman of Philadelphia, Lewis H. Weinstein of Boston; treasurer Louis Feinmark of New Haven, and Secretary Julian A. Kaiser of Indianapolis.

RECALL OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT REQUESTED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- The recall of Henry Byroade, the pro-Arab U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, was proposed this week-end by Rep. Frank Thompson, Jr., New Jersey Democrat. Speaking on the House floor, Congressman Thompson said Mr. Byroade was the author of the policy of persuading the British to evacuate the Suez Canal as the way to win Egyptian friendship.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES MOROCCAN BAN ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- The ban on Jewish emigration from Morocco to Israel was discussed today at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet following a report on the problem by Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's new Foreign Minister.

Ambassador Abba Eban, who was summoned by the Government from Washington for consultations following the resignation of Moshe Sharett as Foreign Minister, reported at today's Cabinet meeting on American-Israeli relations. During the week-end he held consultations with Premier David Ben Gurion and Mrs. Myerson. On Tuesday he will participate in a meeting of Parliament's Committee on Security and Foreign Affairs.

During the week-end, Mrs. Myerson received the American and Soviet Ambassadors in separate hour-long conversations. Earlier, she received the British and the French Ambassadors. The meetings were described by a spokesman of the Foreign Ministry not as mere courtesy visits, but as thorough briefings on Israel's foreign policy as affected by Mrs. Myerson's assumption of the post of Foreign Minister.

JORDANIANS ATTACK ISRAEL TRAIN; KILL TWO ISRAELIS IN SEVERAL ATTACKS

TEL AVIV, June 24. (JTA) -- Two Israelis were killed and at least one was wounded today as Jordanian infiltrators attacked farmers at work in fields, vehicles along the highways and a train-- all in the Kfar Saba area.

The two men killed today were soldiers while the wounded man was a settler at Kibbutz Nir Eliahu. The Jordanians kept up a withering fire for hours in various parts of the area.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO ARMISTICE COMMISSION AGAINST NASSER'S THREATS

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- Egyptian Premier Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser's speech during the Egyptian celebrations marking the British withdrawal from the Suez Canal zone contained a threat against Israel, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight. Israel believes that aggression is being planned and threatened and that its rights to security and to freedom from fear of attack under the terms of the Israel-Egyptian armistice pact are being violated.

The spokesman revealed that Israel has made a complaint to the Mixed Armistice Commission to this effect. He said: "Egypt's hostile intention was further strengthened by the recent tightening of the Suez Canal blockade and the concentration of the Egyptian army along Israel's borders and by the Egyptian claim that she is at war with Israel." Col. Nasser has publicly informed the world "in unmistakable terms" that he plans to use the weapons displayed during the celebrations in Cairo against Israel, the Foreign Ministry spokesman charged.

FRENCH RESIDENT GENERAL IN ALGERIA RECEIVES LOCAL JEWISH DELEGATION

ALGIERS, June 24. (JTA) -- French resident General Robert LaCoste received this week-end a delegation from the Algerian Jewish Committee of Social Studies and the Federation of Jewish Communities in Algeria.

The delegation was led by Jacques Lazarus, Secretary general of the Social Studies committee and director of the World Jewish Congress office in Algeria. Other members of the delegation included Benjamin Heler, president of the federation and Ernest Dadon, honorary president of the Algerian Zionist Federation. There was no statement on the subjects discussed.

HADASSAH PROTESTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TOURS WHICH EXCLUDE JEWS

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- A sharp protest against the sponsorship by the National Education Association of four round-the-world tours for school teachers, which exclude Jewish teachers in deference to the entry requirements of Arab countries, was voiced yesterday by the national board of Hadassah.

Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, national president, speaking in behalf of the organization's 300,000 members throughout the country, declared in a communication to the National Education Association that the fact that the Arab states, and not the NEA, have barred American Jews from entry, does not "absolve you of the moral responsibility to uphold the principles of equality and religious freedom set forth in the American Constitution."

Noting that the NEA, as the largest organization of teachers in the United States, has "the additional responsibility of maintaining high moral standards for the millions of children who look to you for guidance and direction," Mrs. Shulman stated: "As mothers of children attending schools in which your members teach, we protest with all the vigor at our command, your acquiescence to a discriminatory policy which tends to divide American citizens into separate groups and which encourages the forces of bigotry and intolerance."

REFORM RABBIS TO OPEN CONVENTION TODAY; TO DISCUSS ORDINATION OF WOMEN

ATLANTIC CITY, June 24(JTA) -- The question of whether women should be ordained as members of the rabbinate and the rising rate of intermarriage among Jews in the United States will be two of the major problems to be discussed at the 67th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the organization of Reform rabbis, which opens here tomorrow.

High on the agenda of the convention are the questions of the relationship of psychiatry to religion and the caliber of Jewish education in Sunday and religious schools. The convention will also hear and act on reports on the United States attitude towards Israel, the economic boycott and discrimination against American Jewish citizens by Arab governments, programs to combat juvenile delinquency and the far-reaching implications of automation.

JEWISH LIFE IN U. S. THREATENED BY ASSIMILATION, DR. NEUMANN SAYS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 24. (JTA) -- "Assimilation and complete estrangement from the Jewish fold is threatening the very foundations of Jewish life in the United States in the next few generations," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive told the convention of the Histadruth Ivrit held here.

Dr. Neumann said that the only way to give our Jewish youth the tools with which to fight the battle of assimilation is to "revolutionize our ideas and approach, and open a new chapter." Such a task can not be done "without the spread of the Hebrew language and literature," he stated.

Expressing the view that the "Hebrew language and literature are a priceless possession and the American Jew's strongest tie with our great cultural heritage," Dr. Neumann called for the establishment of a great cultural foundation. In his opinion, the Histadruth Ivrit should serve as the nucleus of such a new effort.

TWO GROUPS OF 120 AMERICAN YOUTHS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL STUDY COURSE

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The first group of 80 American Jewish youths to attend the 1956 Israel Summer Institute, a seven-week study, work and tour project sponsored by the Jewish Agency, sailed this week-end for Haifa aboard the new Israeli passenger liner S. S. Zion, of the Zim Israel American Line. They were followed today by another group of 60 which left by air via El Al, the Israeli airline.

The group which left today is comprised of members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Young Judea and the United Synagogue Youth Organization. A third group of 60 will leave via El Al on July 4th. The Israel Summer Institute, a non-profit project now in its eighth year, has its center in Jerusalem. The students will attend orientation sessions, lectures, Hebrew language and other courses relating to Israel's history and development. The major part of the stay in Israel will be devoted to extensive guided tours of the country and a period of work at typical agricultural settlements. The Institute is open to American students, teachers and others between the ages of 18 and 30.

LOUIS SEGAL HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP OF LABOR ZIONIST FARBAND

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Louis Segal, member of the Jewish Agency executive and leader of the Labor Zionist movement in this country, was honored last night at a testimonial dinner marking his 30th anniversary as general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order which has more than 100 branches throughout the United States and Canada.

The celebration, attended by leading personalities in American Jewish life, took place at the summer resort of the Farband in Highland Mills, N. Y. Messages of congratulations were received from Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel; Itzhak Ben-Zvi, President of Israel; Joseph Sprinzak, chairman of the Knesset; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; and from many other leaders in Israel and the United States.

ISRAELI WRITER RECEIVES AMERICAN TOUROFF PRIZE FOR EDUCATION WORK

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The annual Dr. Nissou Touroff Memorial Prize for works in the Hebrew language in the fields of psychology, education or art has been made by the Prize Committee in Tel Aviv, it was announced at the New York office of the memorial fund established by Edmund M. Melton.

The prize committee, consisting of five judges, headed by Dr. David Levine, awarded the \$250 prize for 1956 to the well-known Hebrew writer, Levin Kipness, for his lifetime pioneering work in children's literature. In addition to this annual literary prize, Dr. Nissou Touroff Memorial Fund maintains an annual lectureship at the Hebrew Teachers College in Boston, with which the Fund is associated and where the late distinguished scholar, writer and educator, Dr. Nissou Touroff, was Dean for many years.