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U.S. URGED TOF LACE SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM ON UNITED NATIONS AGENDA

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., was urged by the Jewish Labor Committee today to place the subject of Soviet anti-Semitism on the agenda of the United Nations.

In a communication from Adolph Held, national chairman of the JLC, and Nathan Chanin, chairman of its administrative committee, Ambassador Lodge was told that the statement made last Thursday by several American Rabbis who had just returned from a visit to the USSR confirms what the Jewish Labor Committee has been saying for the past eight years.

"There has been no marked let-up in the anti-Servitic campaign engaged in by the Soviet dictatorship, "the Jewish labor leaders wrote Ambassador Lodge. "The Yiddish press, schools, and institutions have been obliterated. There exists, and admittedly so, a quota system for Jews in government service. The ethnic affinities of Soviet citizens are carried prominently in their identification papers, particularly aimed at Jews. There are other inequities perpetrated against Jews in the Soviet Union. "

Ambassador Lodge was reminded that the JLC had furnished both the U.S. delegation a 1 the United Nations Commission on Human Rights 'with voluminous material showing that the campaign of villification and cultural genocide engaged in by a men ber nation of the United Nations against its Jewish citizems has kept on unabated.

"The time has come for a full and open hearing on the question before the tribunal of the United Nations," the JLC suggested. "There is a calculated plan on the part of the Soviets to finish the job begun by their predecessors -- the Czars -- and their former allies -the Nazis. The wiping out of a whole people by strangling their cultural ties, by liquidation of their cultural leaders, decimation of their press, is not an internal problem but is one with which the free world must be concerned.

"There exists now the threat of pogroms against Jews in Poland, a Soviet satellite. Confirmed reports of assaults on Jews in other Soviet-dominated nations give added fears that the Soviets are preparing a major campaign to descroy the remaining vestiges of East European Jewry. There must be a voice raised now before it becomes too late. That voice must be that of the United States at the United Nations, "the appeal concluded.

Moscow Urged Not to Ignore Reports of Khrushchev's Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The pro-Soviet Jewish daily newspaper "Freiheit" pub lished an editorial today asking why Moscow does not deny reports published in the Ar. ::1can press during the last few days to the effect that Nikita Khrushchev, head of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, has made anti-Semitic remarks. It also asks why there has been no denial from Moscow of a published report that five Jews were killed in a pogram Kiev, capital of the Ukram, last May.

The paper says that an official denial issued through the Soviet news agency Tass, or through any other Soviet institution, "would have been of help." It points out that the question of anti-Semitism—in the Soviet Union interests not only 12 = 5,000,000 Jews in the United States "but also the great American masses, including the Negro masses, which are sensitive" to news of racial and religious persecution. "The strategy of ignoring anti-Soviet fabrication's possibly needs a revision now, "the Freiheit suggests.

U.S. Intellectuals Protest Liquidation of Jewish Culture in Russia

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- Soviet persecution of Jewish culture, which was condemned in a resolution adopted here at the concluding session of the International P.E.N. Congress of poets, essayists and novelists, received wider attention here today with the publication of a cable from a number of prominent American intellectuals endorsing the protest of the Jewish P. E.N. Clubs against the 'liquidation' of numerous Jewish authors in the Soviet Union and the closing down of all Jewish cultural institutions.

The protest was expressed at the congress by Joseph Leftwich, noted British Jewish ... author, who acted on behalf of the Jewish literary organizations in all democratic coun tries. The cable by American intellectuals supporting Mr. Leftwich's protest, read:

"The Kremlin's present rulers have confirmed the worst fears that the Stalin regime. carried out a series of ruthless pogroms, designed to stamp out Jewish culture in the Soviet Union. Stalin's annihilation of great numbers of Jewish writers coincided with the suspension of all Yiddish books, periodicals and newspapers and with the closing of Jewish libraries and theatres. He wasn't attacking groups or individuals or specific political or religious organizations. He lashed out against an entire people, against its culture and language and every phase of spiritual activity.

"Since the crackdown eight years ago on Jewish activity in the Soviet Union, the Congress for Jewish Culture, an international organization representing Jewish cultural institutions, writers and artists, attempted to determine the fate of the Jewish community there. On numerous occasions specific queries have been forwarded to Soviet Government officials. They stressed that while books and newspapers appear in the Soviet Union in the language of other minority nationalities, Yiddish remains outlawed.

"We, the undersigned, urge freedom-loving individuals throughout the world to raise their voices in protest against acts of brutality and discrimination inflicted on an entire people. We want to register vigorous denunciation of the frightful acts of genocide perpet rated and still apparently condoned by the Soviet regime." The signatories of the cable included Reinhold Niebuhr, Upton Sinclair, George E. Axtelle, C. E. Ayres, Daniel Bell, Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, Leo Cherne, Robert Gorham Davis, Christopher Emett, Robert E. Fitch, Richard Hanser, Paul Hayes, Granville Hicks, Sidney Hook, Sol. M. Levitas, Peter Meyer, Edgar Ansel Mowrer, and Norman Thomas.

ARAB INFILTRATORS KILL ISRAELI; GIRL POSING AS RUSSIAN ESCAPES DEATH

TELAVIV, July 15. (JTA) -- Four Jordanian infiltrators murdered an Israeli near the Lydda airport this week-end, but his 21-year-old girl companion escaped death by posing as a "Russian tourist."

The girl, Helene Frak, who came to Israel from Poland five years ago, described the details of the attack and her escape to newsmen today. She and her friend, Arieh Greuback, were traveling in a car to Petach Tikvah, when the headlights of their cars revealed an armed khaki-clad man standing in a ditch near the road, and three others seated in the ditch. Greuback stopped the car and asked them to identify themselves. They said they were Israeli soldiers and ordered him back to the car. He did so but, growing suspicious, walked back to them. They shot and killed him with a burst of Stengur fire.

Then one of the men, who spoke Hebrew, came over to the car and ordered Miss Frak to follow him. She was led to a nearby road and was questioned all the while. She told them she was a Russian visiting Israel. The Hebrew-speaking marauder consulted with the others in arabic, and the young girl could hear them repeating the word "Russia."

Having decided to release her, the men told her to inform anyone she might meet that the attackers were Israeli soldiers. When she was left alone, she ran to a nearby settlement, where she called the police. Their investigation revealed the footprints of four men heading eastward to Jordan.

Eight armed Egyptian infiltrators clashed with an Israeli patrol near the Gaza strip inside Israel territory yesterday. The Egyptians retreated across the border after a fierce exchange of fire. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side.

JORDAN CENSURED BY MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION FOR AMBUSH IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission censured Jordan today for an ambush last week by Jordanian infiltrators along the road from Eilath to Beersheba. Two Israeli civilians were killed in the ambush.

The MAC called upon Jordan to adopt immediate and effective measures to prevent reoccurrence of such incidents. The commission established that the ambush corresponded
to the pattern of attacks on Israel lines of communication conducted from Jordan territory,
and that there was no doubt that the infiltrators who carried out the ambush came from
Jordan territory.

In its resolution today, the MAC warned Jordan to take into consideration its continuous exhortations to terminate the repeated incursions into Israel territory. The Jordanian representatives withdrew from today's meeting of the Commission in protest against an earlier censure by that body.

BRITISH JEWS SEEK TO CHÉCK ARAB ANTI-JE WISH PROPAGANDA IN COLLEGES

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- A report on the extent of Arab propaganda in colleges and universities in this country was made today to the Board of Deputies of British Jews by its Defense Committee, following information that such activity was widespread.

The report indicated that of 35 educational institutions surveyed, 25 had no organized Arab society and that Arab student activity in the way of meetings and propaganda was confined to only a few. Nevertheless, the report added, the situation calls for continued watchfulness. "One interesting result of the survey," the report noted, "was that it revealed that in many of these institutions personal relations between Jewish and Arab students were cordial."

CRISIS IN ISRAEL CABINET AVERTED; RELIGIOUS PARTIES WIN THEIR DEMAND

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- A new government crisis was averted today when the Cabinet gave in to a demand by the religious parties that it submit to Parliament a bill authorizing municipalities to restrict or forbid the raising of hogs and the sale of pork.

The Hapoel Hamizrachi Ministers in the Cabinet threatened to resign when a Ministerial Committee dealing with the problem came up with a bill merely giving the local councils the right to restrict hog raising. Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen, Progressive leader, sided with the religious Ministers on the ground that the agreement on which the coalition government was based had guaranteed government support of the hog ban.

The Cabinet also adopted the draft of a law empowering the Finance Minister, in consultation with the State Bank, to fix the rate of interest and to make it a criminal offense to charge more than nine percent interest. The nine percent-legal interest limit is being exceeded through all kinds of fictitious deals.

BULGARIA ASKED FOR SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM FOR DOWNED ISRAEL PLANE

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is considering sending a delegation to Sofia to speed a settlement of its claim for compensation for the shooting down a year ago of an El Al passenger plane with 58 crewmen and passengers aboard. All were killed.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Foreign Minister, summoned the Bulgarian Charge d'Affaires today to tell him this. It is understood that regardless of whether a delegation goes to Bulgaria or not, Shabbetai Rosenne, Foreign Ministry legal advisor, he leaving for Sofia by the end of the month.

Israel's claimwas submitted five months after the-incident, in which the Constellation was blasted out of the skies by Bulgarian fighters. The Bulgarian Government has formally accepted responsibility for the incident, but there has been no further progress toward a settlement.

STUDENT CONFESSES BURNING OF CROSSES AT WASHINGTON RESIDENCES

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA) -- A 24-year-old University of Virginia student confessed today to participating in the planting and burning of crosses in front of the residences of Supreme Court Justices Earl Warren, Felix Frankfurter, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff and an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The student, Ronald E. Rowley, who refused to name his accomplices, admitted planting the crosses last night to express indignation of the Supreme Court's decision ordering the desegregation of public schools in the south. Signs left beside the burning crosses indicated this sentiment, but one left before Mr. Sobeloff's home read "Sobeloff...Jew"-- the remainder of the sign was burned.

Rowley forfeited \$20 in bonds rather than stand trial for misdemeanors—the "kindling of bonfires." He was traced through the license plates on his car. The FBI was called into the case by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, who reported to the President on his disposition of the matter. Presidential press secretary James Hagerty said that the President approved the decision to call in the FBI.

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB ADMITS IT HAS NO JEWS ON ITS TEAMS

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- Alfred Foster, secretary of the New York Athletic Club, a major sports group in the country, admitted this week-end that there were no Jews or Negroes on the club's teams. He insisted that the club had "some Jewish members."

Mr. Foster's statement followed a blast at the NYAC in the City Council last week Councilman Earl Brown, a Negro, announced his refusal to attend a Council outing this coming week because it would be held at the Travers Island Beach Club, operated by the NYAC. He pointed out that the club's track teams do not have Negro or Jewish members, even if they are champions.

NEW YORK TEACHERS UNION OPPOSES MIDDLE EAST TOURS BARRING JEWS ---

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The Teachers Union this week-end protested the National Education Association's sponsorship of travel tours to the Middle East that bar Jewish teachers at the request of Arab states which would be host to the teachers' parties.

Charging that the NEA was indirectly supporting 'discrimination in its crudest form,' the Teachers Union demanded that it 'disassociate this largest organization of American teachers completely from similar tours in the future.'

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, GUILD URGES U.S. TO GIVE ISRAEL DEFENSIVE ARMS

TORONTO, July 15. (JTA) -- The American Newspaper Guild, at its 23rd annual meeting here, called on the United States, Britain and France to enable Israel to obtain defensive arms in the current Middle East situation.

CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES AIRED AT ZIONIST MEETINGS IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, July 15. (JTA) -- The charge that the Zionist Organization of America is displaying a tendency "to involve itself more and more with partisan activities and to enter into political controversies in Israel which are not in the domain of Diaspora Zionists," was voiced here by Louis Lipsky, veteran American Zionist leader. He was addressing the first of a series of local public meetings called by the newly-formed Independent Zionists of America organization.

"As Zionists we must take the lead," Mr. Lipsky declared, "in propagating the idea of a return to the broad concept of Zionism and Zionist tasks, urging unity in the fundamental work of Zionism, namely the moral and economic support of Israel, the fostering of a great Hebraic movement especially among the youth, of Aliyah and Halutziut in the broadest sense." The new Independent Zionists of America organization, Mr. Lipsky explained, will conduct its work in "a true comradeship," with no ties to any parties in Israel.

Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia, chairman of the national provisional committee of the new organization, reviewed the circumstances that had led to the launching of the Independent Zionist movement in America. Tracing the history of Zionism in America before and since the establishment of the State of Israel, he stressed the need of "a strong free democratic Zionist movement today to fulfill the mission started 60 years ago."

The statements by the dissident group that its differences with the Zionist Organization of America grew out of the question of whether or not the ZOA should be affiliated with a political party in Israel were rejected by Dr. Emanual Neumann, chairman of the national executive committee of the ZOA.

Speaking at a meeting of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization at the Adelphi Hotel, Dr. Neumann charged that differences, "always involving the same few individuals, arose long before 1951 when the ZOA convention adopted the resolution of "so-called affiliation" with the General Zionist Party of Israel. He said the group was opposed to the ZOA majority in 1942 over President Roosvelt's attitude to Palestine; again in 1946 over majority opinion against further negotiation with Britain on the Palestine Mandate; and once more in 1948 over conditions of fund raising activities for Israel in the United States.

Arnold R. Ginsburg, president of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, in an address accepting a second term as president, urged unity in Zionist ranks. He said he deplored attempts to create a new Zionist organization and declared that if "the future activities of these few people jeopardize the success or effectiveness of the important Zionist work being done by the Philadelphia Zionist Organization and the ZOA, we shall not stand idly by, we shall not remain silent."

GROUP OF DIRECTORS OF U.S. JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi today received a party of ten executive directors of American Jewish federations and welfare funds. The party arrived in Israel Friday from Paris where the community officials visited refugee, child and old age institutions maintained by United Jewish Appeal beneficiary agencies. The Americans were entertained at tea yesterday by Foreign Minister Golda Myerson and at a luncheon arranged by the Jewish Agency executive.

The delegation includes: Alvin Bronstein of Toledo, Ohio; George Friedman of Allentown, Pa.; Albert Hutler of San Diego, Calif., Louis Kousin of Elizabeth, N. J.; Oscar Mintzer of Indianapolis, Ind.; Leonard Serbanis, Canton, Ohio; Ralph Segalman, Waterbury, Conn.; Isidore Sollod, Baltimore; Louis Smith, Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Melvin Zaret, Milwaukee.

Dr. William Haber, now visiting Israel in his capacity as head of the American ORT organization, met with Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol here today. He is inspecting various ORT institutions in Israel, where over 3,000 youths learn various trades. He will also hold discussions with the Ministers of Labor and Education and with Jewish Agency leaders.

BELGIAN ZIONISTS TO FORM NEW FEDERATION; HOLD NATIONAL PARLEY

BRUSSELS, July 15. (JTA) -- The formation of a new committee for the establishment of a new Belgian Zionist federation is expected within the next few weeks, following a national conference of Belgian Zionists in Antwerp.

The conference heard reports on Zionist developments in this country over the past few years and considered future tasks facing the movement. Joseph Ariel, Israel's Minister to Belgium, reviewed Israel's position in relation to the world political scene.

DAVID PINSKY, FAMED JEWISH AUTHOR, REPORTED GRAVELY ILL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 15. (JTA) -- David Pinsky, world famed Yiddish author, playwright and editor, was reported to be gravely ill in a hospital here. The 84 year-old writer entered the hospital in a coma and has not yet regained consciousness.