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EXPERTS CHALLENGE KHRUSHCHEV'S STAND ON JEWS; WANT RIGHTS RESTORED

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA)-- Experts on the Jewish situation in the Soviet Union today took issue with statements made by Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Premier, on Jewish issues as related in the verbatim record published yesterday by a group of Americans who discussed various problems with him in a Kremlin interview, including the problem of Jewish rights in the USSR and the possibility of permitting emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

The experts pointed out that in his answers to the questions put to him by the American group, which included businessmen and professionals, the Soviet Premier repeated a number of assertions he made in the past to delegations, Communist and non-Communist, who inquired about the plight of Soviet Jews.

It was emphasized by the experts that the fact remains that Jews are not permitted to leave Russia for Israel, with the exception of an occasional elderly person permitted to join relatives. Mr. Khrushchev's reference to "permission for three Jews to leave the Soviet Union" on a special plea from the Prime Minister of Denmark was cited as proving this point. His allegation that Jews who left Russia have been used by "intelligence units of the U.S." was termed as being without basis in fact and another example of the various rationales contrived by Soviet leadership to deny the Jews the right to leave the USSR.

The experts pointed out that Khrushchev, in his statement, blames the closing of Yiddish theatres in the USSR upon the war, but makes no reference to Stalin's persecutions which resulted in the liquidation of hundreds of Yiddish intellectuals, artists and writers. Furthermore, he shows no indication in his statement that he intends to rectify this situation. To his claim that "all depends upon the will of the Jews" and "their initiative," the experts ask: "How can this will be exercised without a clear statement from Mr. Khrushchev that the Jews can act with impunity and that the government would extend its fullest cooperation?"

The Soviet Writers Association and Communists abroad have been among those who pleaded for the restoration of Yiddish publishing facilities in the USSR, but Mr. Khrushchev has ignored these pleas, the experts stressed. They pointed out that the bulk of Soviet Jewry is concentrated in several cities and it would be a simple matter to re-open schools, theatres and newspapers in those cities. Such practice was not found to be "too expensive" in the 1920s, they stated.

"It is shocking to read that the liquidation of a culture has been justified on budgetary grounds," one of the experts declared. "Mr. Khrushchev's statements confirm the fact that five years after Stalin's death nothing has been done by the Soviet authorities to rectify his horrendous wrongs against the Jews."

Moscow Broadcast Contradicts Khrushchev's Allegation Against Jews

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- A broadcast by Radio Moscow last Saturday contradicted recent statements by Nikita S. Khrushchev, Soviet Communist chief and Premier of the USSR, that there are virtually no Jews in Birobijan, the Jewish autonomous region established by the USSR in the late 1920s. The broadcast, intercepted by BBC monitors here, was beamed in English to the North American continent and in Hungarian and Rumanian to the Eastern European countries.

Among the statements by Mr. Khrushchev, who publicly lamented the Jews' lack of interest in Birobijan, was one to the effect that all that was left in Yiddish in that region were the railroad signs. Saturday's broadcast, featured an interview with Solomon Gurevitch whom it identified as a foreman in a Birobijan automobile plant. Speaking in Yiddish, "his native tongue," Gurevitch painted a picture of a thriving Jewish community with an active Yiddish culture.

The broadcast said that 60 per cent of the region's population was Jewish, that its two official languages were Yiddish and Russian, and that both are used by the local newspapers and radio stations. A new library containing 2,000 Yiddish volumes has been established and named for Sholom Aleichem, the broadcaster said. Turning to his own personal life, Gurevitch detailed his Jewish upbringing, his schooling and the fact that he fought in World War II and won the Order of the Patriotic War.

LABOR EXCHANGES IN ISRAEL TO PASS FROM HISTADRUT TO GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- By an overwhelming vote, the Israel Parliament today approved the first reading of a law which will transfer control of the labor exchange from the Histadrut, the general federation of labor, to the government. The vote was 54 to one, with the deputies of the Mapam and Achdut Avodah, government parties, ostentatiously abstaining.

In addition to transferring the employment services to the government, the "Employment Law" provides that employers can hire manual laborers and other types of unskilled labor only through the exchanges.

The leftist abstentions had the consent of the governing coalition, but will not be repeated in subsequent votes on the measure. In this fashion, the Cabinet skirted a crisis which might have split the coalition. Premier David Ben Gurion had demanded collective responsibility on this measure and the Mapam and Achdut Avodah had threatened revolt. The compromise left them in the position of offering "token resistance."

U. N. CHIEF NAMES NEW MEMBER TO TEAM SEEKING TO SETTLE MT. SCOPUS ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, was today named a member of the special "Mount Scopus team." He is leaving for the Middle East to help untangle the Jordan-Israel dispute in the area.

Several months ago, Mr. Hammarskjold appointed Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia as his personal representative in the Mount Scopus dispute. Later Mr. Hammarskjold named Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, one of his Under-Secretaries, as a member of the "Mount Scopus team." Now, apparently as a result of the May 26 slaying of Col. George A. Flint, chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, Mr. Hammarskjold was sending still a third emissary to the trouble area.

(Informed sources in Israel said today that the delay in publication of the anticipated United Nations report on the Mount Scopus battle which took the lives of Col. George A. Flint and four Israel policemen was due to a UN effort to draft a "balanced" picture to avoid a blow to the prestige of King Hussein of Jordan. These sources predicted that the "balance" would be achieved by charging "Jordan irregulars" rather than the Jordan army with responsibility for the slaying of Col. Flint.)

U. S. ZIONISTS THANK CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FOR RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 10. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Zionist leaders today called on Congressional leaders of both parties in the Senate and House to express appreciation for recent Congressional resolutions hailing Israel on its 10th anniversary. They pointed out that the resolutions and statements made by more than 100 members of Congress were a renewed demonstration of the traditional bi-partisan friendship of the American people for Israel.

The delegation, representing the major Zionist organizations in the United States, met with Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, minority Leader William F. Knowland of California; House Majority Leader John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, and House Minority Leader John W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts. They also met important members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Members of the delegation included Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Pinchas Cruso, president of the Labor Zionists; Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, vice president of Hadassah; Mrs. Valia Hirsch, secretary of the Progressive Zionist League; Paul Goldman, national secretary of the United Labor Zionist Party; Dr. Joseph Schechtman, United Zionists Revisionists, and Rabbi Israel Tabak, of the Religious Zionists of America.

NEW FRENCH CABINET MEMBERS HAVE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL

PARIS, June 10. (JTA) -- The atmosphere of friendship toward Israel which emanated from Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Cabinet continued to hold true for the five new Ministers whose appointments were announced yesterday.

At least three of the five have on many occasions expressed positive attitudes toward Israel. They are: Robert Buron, new Minister of Public Works, who was scheduled to visit Israel shortly with an economic study mission; Eugene Thomas, Minister of Posts, who has been closely associated with ex-Premier Guy Mollet and his attitude toward Israel, and Edmond Michelet, Minister for Veterans Affairs.

BOMB EXPLODES AT RESIDENCE OF BROCKTON RABBI; PLACED IN DRAIN PIPE

BROCKTON, Mass., June 10. (JTA) -- A bomb placed in a drain pipe outside the home of Rabbi Jacob Rennat of this city exploded last night and damaged his property. The blast ripped up 15 feet of the driveway adjoining the house. Police have not succeeded in finding the terrorists.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR REJECTS JEWISH PROPOSAL ON PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

VIENNA, June 10. (JTA) -- Chancellor Julius Raab announced that on his recent visit to the United States he had refused to agree to a proposal from major Jewish organizations there that Austria advance payment of claims of Nazi victims who have been waiting for compensation for many years.

He insisted that Austria had already paid compensation at a speedier rate than required under its laws, 50,000,000 schillings a year. On the whole, the Chancellor said, the Jewish leaders seemed satisfied with the Austrian regulations.

The Chancellor told a press conference that the condition of the Vienna synagogue and the main Jewish cemetery in this city are scandalous. He pledged that the next national budget would carry an item for 10,000,000 schillings to reconstruct them.

YUGOSLAV JEWS APPEAL TO U.S. TO CEASE GIVING ASYLUM TO ARTUKOVIC

TEL AVIV, June 10. (JTA) -- Representatives of an association of Yugoslav Jews who settled in this country called on the United States Government to cease giving asylum to Adrijā Artukovic, alleged war criminal, and to hand him over to the Yugoslav Government for trial.

In a memorandum handed U.S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, the Yugoslav Jews called Artukovic, who now lives in the Los Angeles area, "one of the principal murderers of Yugoslav Jewry in the second World War." A hearing will be held later this month in Federal Court in Los Angeles on Yugoslavia's request for the extradition of the former Minister for Interior of the Nazi puppet Croatian State.

The memorandum accused Artukovic of responsibility in the murder of 30,000 Jews in Croatia, pointing out that execution orders carried his signature. Documents discovered at the end of the war, the memorandum said, painted a picture of Artukovic giving direct orders for "the torture of prisoners and the murder" of Jews.

The Yugoslav Jews rejected Artukovic's assertions that he is "a victim of Communism." The memorandum expressed the Jews' "feeling of disappointment" at the United States asylum to "a man who is not only a war criminal but a common criminal as well."

FRANKFURT MUNICIPALITY VOTES 20,000 MARKS FOR ANNE FRANK MEMORIAL

FRANKFURT, June 10. (JTA) -- The Frankfurt City Council has voted a grant of 20,000 marks toward the cost of restoring Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, where the Jewish teenager spent the last months of her life in hiding from the Nazis.

In his letter to the Anne Frank Foundation, which is establishing the memorial, Frankfurt Mayor H. Bockelmann said that the city where Anne Frank was born wants to set a good example. The memorial in Amsterdam, which will also house a youth center, is expected to cost the equivalent of \$55,000.

ROME MAYOR MAKES FAMOUS PALACE AVAILABLE FOR ISRAEL CELEBRATION

ROME, June 10. (JTA) -- One thousand guests took part today in a reception sponsored by the Tenth Anniversary of Israel Committee which was held in Rome's famous Palazzo Braschi. Among those attending the event were Parliamentary and Government officials, diplomats, army officials and leaders of the Italian Jewish communities. The Palazzo Braschi was made available for the celebration by the Mayor of Rome.

Israel's accomplishments in establishing a "real democracy" in the Middle East as a "brilliant example" to her neighbors were praised by Prof. Arangio Ruiz, president of the Tenth Anniversary Committee, Randolfo Pacciardi, former Defense Minister and Republican party leader, and Salvatore Aldisio, Democratic Christian Senator.

Israel's strong defense forces combined with "a deep desire for peace," were lauded in a message to the reception from Luigi Einaudi, former president of Italy, who also extended his wishes to Israel for "constant progress along the road on its glorious resurrection."

U.S. FOUNDATION DONATES \$100,000 FOR STRUCTURE AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- A gift of \$100,000 by the Jacob Levy Foundation will be used for the erection of a building on the new campus of the Hebrew University at Givat Ram, Jerusalem, it was announced here today by Daniel G. Ross, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The new building, already under construction, is to be called the "Jacob Levy Building for Economics and Social Sciences" in honor of the late Jacob Levy, prominent New York Jew who died here in 1951 at the age of 76. M. Levy started as a newsboy, worked as a clerk, and later organized the construction firm of Levy Brothers. In 1898 he graduated with the LL. B. degree from New York University's Law School.

VERMONT LABOR CONVENTION ASKS F. B. I. TO PROBE SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

ST. ALBANS, Vermont June 10. (JTA) -- The Vermont Labor Council, AFL-CIO, meeting here in annual convention, today adopted unanimously a series of resolutions which gave strong support to efforts to get the FBI into the investigation of Southern bombings of Jewish Community Centers and synagogues.

The action of the convention followed an address by Julius Bernstein of Boston, regional director of the Jewish Labor Committee. Mr. Bernstein pointed out the fact that Southern segregationist inevitably give rise to racist elements that turn to anti-Semitism and to anti-labor activities. The delegates voted to ask the U.S. Attorney General to enter the investigation of the Southern bombings despite his refusal to do so.

B'NAI B'RITH LEADER FORESEES COLLAPSE OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF U.S. JEWS

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 10. (JTA) -- The Arab League's boycott of American Jews and American firms doing business with Israel would "collapse under its own impudence" if the United States Government took action to oppose this discriminatory behavior, Maurice Bisgyer, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith, last night told the 83rd annual convention of District 7 of the organization.

Mr. Bisgyer noted that the Arab League's failure to resolve differences between Lebanon and other Arab states had pointed up the "political bankruptcy" of the Arab League. He characterized the League as "an anti-Israel coalescence" and a "negative force" with no program for Arab social or economic advancement.

IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY AND ISRAEL TO U.S. STRESSED BY HENRY WALLACE

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- The United States should make clear to the Soviet Union that it looks on Turkey and Israel "as key points in the balance of the world," former Vice President Henry A. Wallace declared here tonight at the 71st annual convention of Brith Abraham. More than 1,500 delegates from 300 lodges of the national fraternal group witnessed the presentation to Mr. Wallace of the order's annual "World Peace Award."

Mr. Wallace's statement that Israel and Turkey represented for the United States a fulcrum on which world power was balanced came after he called on the United States to fight the USSR if the latter attempted to move into Turkey. "It is not the way to peace to let Russia take over the Middle East," he insisted.

Speaking of Israel's decade of achievement, Mr. Wallace said the Jewish State was the "most exciting undertaking in the world -- for it is a spirit that comes down from olden times, but it is at the same time forward looking." The merging in Israel of peoples of many backgrounds, the onetime Vice President said, "is the most striking demonstrating of the compelling power of an idea that the world has seen. Here a new race and a new spirit is being formed."

ZIONIST REGIONAL PARLEY URGES U. S. VIGILANCE ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, June 10. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging the United States to be vigilant in regard to Israel's security were adopted here yesterday at the conclusion of the annual tri-state regional conference of the Zionist Organization of America, comprising delegates from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

The convention was addressed by Dr. Eliezer Yapou, counsellor of Israel's delegation to the United Nations. He told the 120 delegates that it is "the duty of the United Nations and of the world democracies to see to it that no force is employed for the solution of problems affecting any of the Middle East countries including Israel."

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY AWARDS HONORARY DEGREE TO AMBASSADOR EBAN

WALTHAM, Mass., June 10. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States and head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Brandeis University yesterday. Dr. Israel Goldstein was another of the recipients of an honorary degree.

Ambassador Eban delivered the commencement address at the seventh commencement exercises. Eleven honorary degrees were awarded, 220 graduates received baccalaureate degrees, 30 were named Masters of Arts and seven received Ph. D. degrees.

NATHANIEL ROTHENBERG RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ORDER B'NAI ZION

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- Nathaniel S. Rothenberg was unanimously re-elected president of B'nai Zion, the Zionist fraternal organization, last night at the close of the organization's 49th annual convention here. The convention adopted a series of resolutions voting continued support of the Jewish National Fund, Israel bond drive and a variety of American and international welfare, philanthropic and patriotic projects.

SAMUEL ROTHBERG, BOND DRIVE LEADER, LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY NEEDS

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Samuel Rothberg, national chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Israel Bond Organization, left for Jerusalem to confer with Premier David Ben Gurion and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol on Israel's economic needs.