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U. S. ADOPTS 'SITTING TIGHT' ATTITUDE AT U. N. ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The United States delegation is sitting tight, refusing to make any proposals regarding the Arab refugee problem, and even declining to encourage neutral efforts to offer any kind of way out of this year's impasse in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee which is debating the Arab refugee problem.

Due to the vacuum created by the attitude of the United States delegation, no member of the 82-member committee was willing to take the floor in the debate this afternoon. The scheduled afternoon session was, therefore, cancelled. Later today India was persuaded to take the floor tomorrow whereupon a session was scheduled for tomorrow morning.

The United States delegation took a beating last year when the Arabs strenuously opposed any move toward some kind of solution of the refugee problem--while neither the United Nations nor any of the other Western Powers friendly to the U. S. would support the position of Washington's delegation. Therefore, the U. S. delegation is determined not to show its hand at present in any way whatsoever.

It appeared today that the long drawn out debate will continue all through next week. By that time, it is believed there will still be no resolution to be placed before the Committee calling for any action this year. At the end of next week, as it seems now, the Special Political Committee is likely to suspend the refugee debate going on to other items on the agenda. The refugee debate would then be picked up again after private, behind-the-scenes negotiations would produce some kind of a draft resolution more or less acceptable to all concerned, including the Arabs, Hammarskjold, and the U. S.

Suez Blockade Against Israel Will Continue, U. A. R. Minister Says

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli ships and goods will be lifted only when the entire "Palestine Question" is solved, and not a moment sooner, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister of the UAR declared today.

He made that statement in answer to a question at a luncheon tendered to him by the United Nations Correspondents Association, during which he was queried on a number of issues concerning the Arab states and Israel. A number of Israeli and other Jewish correspondents attended the luncheon.

In regard to the Danish freighter, the Inge Toft, which has been tied to a dock at Port Said since last May because the captain of this ship refuses to unload an Israeli cargo, which Egypt would confiscate, Dr. Fawzi said: "We are considering this matter with the competent government, namely Denmark."

The UAR representative said his government has no comment at present regarding press reports that Saudi Arabia is requesting withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force from Sharm el Sheikh. But, said Dr. Fawzi, "we will be discussing all this in a few days at the United Nations."

U. N. Deputy Director for Relief for Palestine Refugees Killed

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Leslie J. Carver, deputy director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees, was killed today in an automobile accident outside Beirut, Lebanon. According to a cable received here from UNRWA headquarters Mr. Carver's car collided with a Lebanese armored automobile outside Beirut.

UNRWA's headquarters are in Beirut, and Mr. Carver, who had been acting director of the agency previously, has been in charge of UNRWA operations for the last three weeks since Dr. John H. Davis, the head of UNRWA, has been here to attend the current debate on the Arab refugee problem.

ISRAEL FIRM TO FILE \$2,000,000 CLAIMS AGAINST RENAULT IN PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Preparation of claims for damages by the Kaiser-Frazer Company in Haifa against the Renault auto company of France--which withdrew from operations in Israel--have virtually been completed and the claims, exceeding \$2,000,000, will be filed some time next week, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today by Israel Zaliouk, legal adviser and board member of the Haifa auto assembly company.

CONVENTION OF REFORM JEWRY OPPOSES GAMBLING IN SYNAGOGUES

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Resolutions opposing the use of gambling for synagogue fund-raising and against state intervention to enforce adoption of children of the same faith as adoptive parents were approved today by delegates to the 45th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"The use of gambling as a means of raising funds for the synagogue and the practice of gambling on synagogue premises is not compatible with proper synagogue standards," said one resolution which was overwhelmingly approved after lengthy debate. Representatives of Reform synagogues opposed to the resolution said after the vote that while the resolution did not make the ban mandatory, they would find other means of raising funds.

On the issue of cross-faith adoptions, the delegates said that while they favored the principle of the same religion for adoptive children and parents, they opposed "the use, officially or unofficially, of the power of the state to carry out this religious objective." The resolution contended that the goal "should be striven for through the influence of each religious group upon its own adherents. The use of the power of the state for such a religious objective is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state."

Asks State Dept. to Protest Against Treatment of Jews in Russia

In another resolution, the delegates urged the U.S. State Department "to protest through proper channels the denial of equal rights and privileges to the Jews of the Soviet Union."

The delegates also went on record as favoring "the elimination of all restrictions and prohibitions against the dissemination of birth control information and the rendering of birth control assistance by qualified physicians, clinics and hospitals."

The Reform leaders also denounced injection of religious issues in election campaigns. "We express our dismay over statements made and positions taken by a few religious groups in outright opposition to the possible nomination for President or Vice President of the United States of any person of the Roman Catholic faith," a resolution stated. The delegates called for application of "the principle of freedom of religion" in the selection of candidates for public office.

Yaacov Herzog, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary, told the convention that "paradoxically enough, as Israel's statehood matures, the interest of the people of Israel in American Jewry, far from weakening, is constantly growing. On the other side," he added, "American Jewry has acknowledged redemption in Israel as the central theme of Jewish experience in our time."

American Jews who move from cities to suburbs to avoid civil rights problems and thereby turn "a social defeat into a moral disaster" were condemned by a Reform leader at a session yesterday. Marvin Braiterman, member of the UAHC National Commission on Social Action for Reform Judaism, denounced Jews "running from the cities to the suburbs and carrying their temples with them because of a purported invasion of white neighborhoods by non-whites."

UNITED SYNAGOGUE POSTPONES DECISION FOR TWO YEARS ON JOINING W. Z. O.

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The national convention of the United Synagogue of America today instructed its executive council "to create opportunities for joint discussions" by all its branches of whether or not the Conservative movement should as a body join the World Zionist Organization. The executive council was at the same time requested "to report back to the next biennial convention" of the organization.

The text of the resolution reads:

"Whereas the national convention of the United Synagogue of America has heard with great interest the addresses delivered at the convention dealing with the relation of Jewry of the world to the World Zionist Organization and,

"Whereas the proposals made in the various addresses touch issues fundamental to the spiritual unity of the Jewish people and its religious life and specifically to the Conservative movement,

"Therefore, be it resolved that the convention refers these addresses for further study to the Executive Council of the United Synagogue and

"Be it further resolved that the Executive Council of the United Synagogue of America be requested to create opportunities for joint discussions of these proposals by all branches of our movement on a regional as well as on a national basis and report back to the next biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America." (See earlier resolutions on page 3).

JEWS IN SYRIA SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR BY DAMASCUS MILITARY COURT

LONDON, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Four Syrian Jews have been sentenced by a Damascus military court to lengthy prison terms for allegedly having tried to flee to Israel, it was reported here from Damascus.

Two of the Jews received 12-year terms of hard labor, while the other two were sentenced to six years of hard labor. An Arab, convicted of complicity in the alleged escape attempt, also drew a six-year sentence.

U. S. CHARGED WITH 'CONDONING' ARAB ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN JEWS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America today adopted a number of resolutions dealing with the American and Israeli scene. The five-day parley of the 1,200 delegates representing Conservative Jewry in the United States and Canada closes tomorrow.

One of the resolutions called on political parties and candidates in the 1960 elections to refrain from, and to declare themselves publicly as opposed to, all appeals to racial, religious or ethnic prejudice in campaigns for election and other contests for voter support.

Another resolution urged the relaxation of United States immigration laws. It called on the Congress to enact amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 to eliminate "the discriminatory national origins quota system" and substitute "an equitable non-discriminatory formula for the admission of immigrants into the United States."

The delegates also adopted a resolution expressing "dismay and concern" over the continued "condonation" by the U.S. Government of the imposition by Arab states of discriminatory measures against American citizens who are Jews. The resolution called on the Government to "safeguard the integrity of United States citizenship by publicly reasserting its rejection of discrimination against American citizens because of race or religion; by ending the screening of qualified American citizens for government service abroad on racial or religious grounds, by specifying in all treaties that American citizens shall not be denied the right of employment and trade or any other rights because of their religion or race."

The convention also expressed "great concern" over the fact that the Arab boycott continues against commercial enterprises throughout the world which do business with Israel. The resolution charged the U.S. Government with "maintaining an attitude of unconcern about the boycott" which affects also Americans who are Jews.

The resolution added that by displaying such an attitude, the U.S. Government "is remiss in its responsibilities for the protection of all United States citizens whatever their religion, in full enjoyment of the rights and privileges of American citizens." The resolution asked the U. S. Government to decline to enter into treaties or agreements which permit racial or religious discrimination against American citizens. It also appealed to all American business and commercial firms to resist the Arab boycott by every legal means.

Another resolution condemned Arab anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States disseminated by the Arab Information Center with the aid of Arab consular and embassy officials, especially in the American college campuses. The resolution urged the U.S. Government "to take such action as may be necessary to assure against activities by Arab officials in contravention of their legitimate diplomatic functions."

Use of Atomic Weapons Renounced by United Synagogue Convention

The Convention called upon the United States and other atomic powers to "continue indefinitely the present halt in nuclear testing," to renounce the use of atomic weapons and to dismantle "all weapons of mass destruction." Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, addressing tonight's session, called for an end to "group calumnies" in the United States.

Dr. Miriam Freund, president of Hadassah, who attended the convention as a delegate from her synagogue in New York City, said during the debate in the plenary on relations to World Zionism: "Judaism is the all-embracing philosophy of life. However, Judaism for me includes Zionism and thus I would hope that the United Synagogue and the World Council of Synagogues would affiliate with the World Zionist Organization in order to strengthen Judaism as well as Zionism."

"However," Dr. Freund continued, "there are many unresolved questions, therefore I would advocate that the convention be seized with the problem and that special committees be set up to study all the ramifications and that the end result would be a positive one, namely, of affiliation."

Bernath L. Jacobs of Philadelphia was reelected president. Arthur Bruckman of New York was elected secretary and Herman Greenberg was elected treasurer.

The Solomon Schechter Award for social action was presented at the Convention to Temple Emanuel of Staten Island, N. Y., for its participation in the rehabilitation of more than 350 juvenile delinquents through a combined program of work placement and religious counseling. The presentation was made to Rabbi Benjamin B. Wykansky, spiritual leader of the congregation.

LEBANON'S BAN ON NOTED U.S. MUSICIAN FOR VISIT TO ISRAEL IS RIDICULED

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Joe Glaser, agent for Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong, the American Negro musician, today dismissed an announcement from Beirut that the musician and his troupe have been banned from Lebanon because they included Israel in a recent Middle East tour.

"If Armstrong is banned in Lebanon, it will be a pleasure for us not to go to Lebanon again," Mr. Glaser said.

ORTHODOX WOMEN'S CONVENTION CRITICIZES U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The "national origins" basis of admissions to the United States in present immigration laws was assailed today as "discriminatory and a blot on America's good name" at the 36th annual national convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Some 700 delegates urged in the resolution that the national origins basis should be eliminated when Congress reconvenes in January. In the resolution, the delegates also urged Congress to approve the request of the U.S. Attorney General, William P. Rogers for authorization to apply annually lapsed quotas from countries which do not use them to countries "where regrettably low quotas are each year quickly filled" because of "limitations" imposed by the national origins basis.

In another resolution, the delegates urged Congress to adopt a resolution to clarify the "vital religious distinction" in regard to Americans who do not observe Sunday as their day of rest. The delegates proposed such a Congressional resolution "as a guide to states in their handling" of Sunday closing laws. The requested resolution, the delegates said, should affirm the right "of those Americans who do not recognize Sunday as a religiously-based rest day to do so without economic penalty."

In a resolution related to Jewish identification, the delegates took issue with the Government of the State of Israel over its recent decision to determine a definition as to "Who is a Jew" upon secular grounds. "This definition reaches far beyond boundaries of State into every Jewish community and home," the resolution said. It added that such a decision "belongs to the religious-cultural realm and should be exclusively within the scope of religious authority without the intervention of the temporal powers of Government."

U.S. TO PROVIDE AID FOR TRANSLATION OF AMERICAN BOOKS INTO HEBREW

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The United States Information Service will provide help for the translations into Hebrew of many American books, Harold Howland, USIS Chief and cultural attache here, said today.

He was one of the participants in a brief ceremony marking the tenth anniversary of the USIS Library in Tel Aviv, known popularly as the American Library. Others attending the ceremony were Ogden Reid, Jr., American Ambassador to Israel, and James Meader, a USIS official in Washington.

4,704 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The largest enrollment in Yeshiva University's history--4,704 students at 17 schools and divisions--was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, university president.

Marking the fourth consecutive year that a record student body has enrolled, the rise showed an increase of 27.5 percent over last year's enrollment. Last year, a 25 percent increase was noted.

YOSEF ALMOGI, MAPAI LEADER, ARRIVES IN U.S.; HEADED ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Yosef Almogi, a leading member of Israel's Parliament and campaign manager of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai party during the recent parliamentary elections, arrived here today on a month-long speaking tour of the United States on behalf of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The Committee will hold next week-end its 36th annual convention at the Commodore Hotel here, at which a \$5,000,000 nation-wide drive to aid Israel's pioneering workers and new immigrants will be inaugurated. Mr. Almogi will be one of the guest speakers at the convention, which will be attended by close to 3,000 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada.

CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION LEADER HONORED BY CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, was one of seven Chicagoans cited today by Loyola University in a Founder's Day Convocation marking the university's 89th anniversary. It is the first time the university has given such honors. Mr. Goldsmith was cited for "exemplary citizenship and outstanding contributions to the welfare of present and future college students."

ISRAEL ARMY DONATES MILITARY LIBRARY TO ETHIOPIAN OFFICERS ACADEMY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Army has donated a military library to the Ethiopian officers academy at Harar, Foreign Ministry sources disclosed today.

The books were handed over in a special ceremony by the Israel Consul General in Addis Ababa, Hanan Bar-On, to the general commanding the training academy in the presence of the acting governor of Harar Province and other top officials.

Speakers, including the Ethiopian General, praised the Israel Army and expressed the hope for even closer Ethiopian-Israel cooperation.