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JORDAN MINISTER ATTACKS JEWISH RELIGION AT U. N.; REBUKED BY ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The session of the Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly--at which the Arab refugee question is being debated for the third week--was marked today by a clash between Michael Comay, deputy chairman of the Israeli delegation, and Jordan's Foreign Minister Musa Naser.

Repeating the usual Arab arguments against Israel, the Jordanian representative told the committee that the Jewish people "instead of accepting the supreme responsibility of the chosen people of God, have become the spoiled people of a god who apparently and according to their thinking, loves to see them massacre innocent men, women and children in order that they may build over their dead bodies a political state." Mr. Naser referred to the current Jewish concept of God as a "Zionist God."

Rising to a point of order, Mr. Comay declared "we will not tolerate attacks against the Jewish religion." Charles T. O. King of Liberia, chairman of the committee, told the Jordanian foreign minister "we should have tolerance on the floor of the United Nations."

"I have not attacked religion," replied Mr. Naser, but those Jews who have strayed away from it. "He went on to accuse Israel of conducting "obviously a religious war against Moslems--with Jews in the front line and Christians in the back line." When Mr. Naser voiced another accusation against Israel by declaring that it is robbing the Arab refugees of their just claims to property in Israel, Mr. Comay objected again.

The Israeli representative reminded Jordan that "a strictly impartial United Nations Commission dealt with Jewish claims in Palestine in terms that were at least equal to those of the Arabs and proposed the establishment of a separate Jewish State." The Arabs, continued Mr. Comay, had gone "to war to resist the resolution of the General Assembly," and cannot now "wash their hands of the problem."

Canada Advocates Creation of a Special U. N. Body on Refugee Problem

A call for "concrete and effective" steps toward solution of the refugee problem was voiced by the next speaker, Liu Chieh, representative of Nationalist China. Then R. Q. Quentin-Baxter of New Zealand, took the floor and told the Committee that the problem of the Palestine Arab refugees "can be solved through the active cooperation of the Governments of Israel and the Arab countries."

Israel's arguments do not alter the fundamental nature of the 1948 Assembly resolution which offered the refugees "a free choice between repatriation and compensation with resettlement," Mr. Quentin-Baxter continued. He told the committee that he believed that refugees repatriated to Israel could "resume a normal life in today's environment" although they would undoubtedly find their former homes in Israel "vastly changed."

On behalf of Canada, Arthur R. Smith, delegate from the Dominion, told the Committee he hoped that suggestions for the reactivation of the Palestine Conciliation Commission and the possibility of creating a special UN Committee to deal with the Arab refugee problem would receive serious consideration. He said that such suggestions could encourage exploration of other constructive approaches to the refugee problem.

A resolution urging authorization of renewed activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for a five-year period was introduced last night by Indonesia and Pakistan during debate on the Palestine Arab refugee problem. The draft resolution introduced by the two Asian countries noted with "deep regret" that neither repatriation nor compensation for the refugees had been effected. It then called for extension of the UNRWA mandate for another five years.

The draft resolution also asked UNRWA and the Palestine Conciliation Commission to "continue consultations in the best interests of their respective tasks" with particular reference to implementation of a section of the 1948 UN resolution. The section calls for repatriation or compensation without offering any alternative solution to the problems of the refugees.

A spokesman for the United States delegation was known to have termed the draft resolution unacceptable because it failed to specify actions which might bring a settlement of the problem.

SECRETARY HERTER CITES U.S. CONSTRUCTIVE MOVES IN ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Christian Herter told a press conference today that the United States now enjoys improved relations with both the United Arab Republic and Iraq.

He said the United States was doing all it could to normalize and ease tensions in the Middle East. In the Arab-Israel situation, he said, this country always made any move thought constructive. He cited discussion of the Arab refugee situation at the United Nations in New York.

U.S. LAUDS UNITED NATIONS FORCE STATIONED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The United Nations Emergency Force guarding the Gaza Strip border between Egypt and Israel, as well as the shores of the Gulf of Akaba, has "done its job magnificently," the United States delegation declared here today, but "unfortunately, the peace in this area" has not as yet been "assured for all times."

This statement was made here today in the General Assembly's Administrative and Budgetary Committee by Congressman James G. Fulton who is the American delegate in that group. He announced that the United States Government is prepared to contribute toward UNEF's 1960 expenses a total of \$9,700,000, covering nearly half of UNEF's \$20,000,000 budget for next year.

Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold told the committee, in urging that his UNEF budgetary figures for 1960 be adopted, that the costs for maintenance of the Emergency Force are needed to ensure "continuing quiet along the entire borderline between Israel and Egypt."

He told the committee that "while there had been few serious incidents in the past year, there were situations which, in the absence of a restraining influence, could have had serious consequences far overshadowing the effort and expense now involved in the maintenance of the Force."

"In the present circumstances," continued Mr. Hammarskjold, "it is impossible for me to foresee when the operations of the Force might be brought to an end without risking loss of the progress thus far made." Mr. Hammarskjold paid high tribute to General Burns "for his consistently fine leadership of the Force." As usual when UNEF is discussed General Burns was present during the debate.

STATE DEPT. ASKS FOR REPORT ON FRAUDS IN AID TO ARAB REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The State Department has asked the United States Embassy in Amman for a report on charges of fraudulent practices by Arabs in the administration of Arab refugee camps in Jordan.

This was learned today following charges by Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, and Senator Gale W. McGee of Wyoming, both Democrats, in the course of their visit to the Near East. The two senators urged review of the entire U.S. aid program to Jordan.

Secretary of State Christian Herter said he had received a communication from Senators Gore and McGee reporting corruption in Arab refugee camps in Jordan. American-financed projects were involved, according to the two senators. Mr. Herter said the question pertained mainly to ration cards for Arab refugees and has to do with the United Nations.

He added that the matter had been raised in the UN and that the UN had taken it under "serious consideration." He said it appeared that ration quotas had been "improperly applied" in distributing aid to the Arab refugees. He made known that the State of Jordan has promised the United Nations cooperation in rectifying the situation.

ISRAEL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO STAGE STRIKE TODAY; DEMAND SHORTER HOURS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Principals of Israel elementary schools will stage a one-day strike tomorrow to back demands that principals over 50 years of age should have their work-week cut from 30 to 28 hours. Teachers over 50 in the schools have such a work arrangement.

The demand was rejected by the Ministry of Education which considers it unjustified. The Ministry contended that functions of the principals were administrative and that all civil service personnel work the same hours until 65 when they are pensionable. The strike, which has been approved by the Teachers Association, is to be resumed indefinitely if the demand is not met, representatives of the principals said.

ITZHAK GRUENBAUM, VETERAN ZIONIST LEADER, HAILED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, veteran Zionist leader and Minister of Interior in the first Israel Cabinet, was hailed today on his 80th birthday, in the Israel press. Virtually all newspapers, regardless of party affiliation, carried laudatory articles.

JEWISH GROUPS IN FRANCE APPEAL TO AUTHORITIES TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- An appeal to the French Government to act against the notoriously anti-Semitic "Jeune Nation" magazine was made today by 16 Jewish organizations here.

The periodical frequently carries violently anti-Semitic articles and promotes Fascist and Nazi ideas. Since it is violently opposed to President de Gaulle and his policies, issues have frequently been seized by the Government for outrages against the General. The periodical, however, has never been acted on for its anti-Semitism.

The Representative Council of the Jews of France, CRIF, today requested the Paris police to take action against anti-Semites inscribing anti-Jewish slogans on the walls of the city's streets and subway stations. In a letter addressed to the Prefect of Police M. Papon, the organization expressed concern at the increasing number of such inscriptions, noting that certain subway stations were particularly singled out by the culprits. The council asked that the police apprehend those responsible.

Leaders of the Jewish Community here today paid tribute to Dr. Felix Kursten, the Swedish doctor who, as Himmler's physician, saved tens of thousands of persons from death in concentration camps. At a luncheon in Dr. Kursten's honor sponsored by the French section of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Vidal Modiano and writer Edmond Flegg paid homage to Dr. Kursten who described how he negotiated with Himmler to save lives.

VATICAN ORGAN CITES POPE'S CONDEMNATION OF NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS

ROME, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, quoted last night a statement of condemnation by the late Pope Pius XI of Hitler's persecution of the Jews as "another demonstration" that charges that the Vatican was indifferent toward such persecutions were unfounded. The charges were voiced against Pope Pius XII, successor of Pope Pius XI.

The issue was raised when two French books on the role of Pope Pius XII during World War II, reached Rome and were widely reviewed and discussed. The books contained documentation on the Vatican's efforts to save Jews of Rome from deportation during the German wartime control of Italy, but charged Pope Pius XII with adopting an attitude of non-involvement.

The Osservatore Romano quoted from the memoirs recently published in England of Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick when he was British Charge d'Affaires in the Vatican. The British diplomat, recalling his meetings with Pope Pius XI, wrote that "once with sharp words, the Pope expressed his opinion of Hitler's persecution of the Jews."

FOUR ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA FOR NEO-NAZI SWINDLE; \$2,000,000 INVOLVED

VIENNA, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Austrian police reported today the uncovering of a gigantic export swindle involving almost \$2,000,000 which were used partly to finance an organization of neo-Nazis in Austria.

Police arrested four merchants and an attorney living in Salzburg but one of the leaders in the swindle, merchant Lothar Rafael, escaped to Munich. Police said that Rafael used some of the swindled funds to help support the "Sorbe," which the Austrian Ministry of the Interior banned a year ago for neo-Nazi activity.

TRIAL OF NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS IN BYALOSTOK ATTRACTS WIDE ATTENTION

FRANKFURT, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Nationwide attention throughout West Germany is being attracted by a trial now taking place in Bielefeld of the former Gestapo and Nazi Security Chief of Bialostok, Poland. He is charged with the murder of more than 100 Jews in July, 1944.

Herbert Zimmerman, 52, who was an attorney before the Second World War, pleaded not guilty, claiming that he acted under orders when he had the Jews executed just before the Soviet Army entered Bialostok.

The defendant told the court that after the war, he escaped from a French prison camp and lived for some time in the Soviet occupation zone, working first as a farm hand, then as a carpenter and later as an engineer. In 1953 he succeeded in re-entering the legal profession and became a prominent lawyer in Bielefeld.

Witnesses from many parts of the world are being interrogated by the Frankfurt Office of Prosecution in preparation for one of the biggest trials of concentration camp personnel. Dr. A. Wolf, Chief State Attorney, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The Central War Crimes Investigation Commission recently placed Dr. Wolf in charge of all crimes connected with the Auschwitz death camp. The Polish witnesses, Jan Pilecki and Dr. Tadeus Paczula, testified this week. As prisoners, they had been forced to keep records on entries and deaths at the camp.

Dr. Wolf said his office has letters written by Rudolf Hoess, the Auschwitz commander, listing the names of victims and members of the SS execution squads. Some of the former SS guards, including Oswald Kaduk, Wilhelm Boger and Franz Hoffmann, have been arrested on suspicion of murder.

ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES PRESENT BOOKS TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The Israeli Defense Forces today presented to Columbia University a number of books in appreciation of the University's contribution to education of Israeli veterans who were enabled to resume their studies at Columbia after military service. The presentation was made to Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia, by Colonel A. Yariv, Military, Naval and Air attache at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, in the president's office.

In addition to the gift to the university, a special edition of a Bible printed in Hebrew in Jerusalem, was presented to Dr. Kirk. The other books, destined for the Hebrew section of the Columbia University Libraries, include a number of Hebrew volumes of contemporary writers, and Israeli Defense Forces books on citizenship and general educational subjects.

CANADIAN JEWRY TO ESTABLISH MARITIME TRAINING CENTER IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A maritime training school in Israel to be located at Dor, 11 miles south of Haifa, will be known as Canada Center. Announcement to this effect was made here by Mendel Ladsky, national director of the Israel Maritime League in Canada which is helping to establish the institution for the training of officers and seamen.

It is proposed to have the Canada Center open for training work by the end of 1960, with a clinic, a meteorological station and recreation facilities, in full operation. Hitherto all of Israel's merchant navy officers and engineers have come from the Israel Nautical College south of Acre.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL POSTPONES ITS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The Third National Assembly of the American Jewish League for Israel is being postponed from the originally scheduled date of December 5, Ezra Z. Shapiro, president, announced today. He stated that in view of the proximity of the Assembly to the Zionist General Council meetings in Jerusalem, it was deemed advisable to postpone the Assembly until after the Jerusalem sessions.

The Zionist General Council meeting in Jerusalem will be of great importance as it will adopt a new constitution for the World Zionist Organization, the first constitutional change in over 50 years. Therefore, Mr. Shapiro indicated, that it was felt advisable to postpone the League's Assembly until after the new constitution is adopted. The League is affiliated with the World Zionist Organization.

INBAL, ISRAEL DANCE GROUP, OPENS TWO-WEEK ENGAGEMENT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The Inbal, Israel dance group, opened at the City Center here tonight in the presence of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman, members of the Consular and Diplomatic corps and leading personalities in the arts and the Jewish community.

Tonight's performance, a benefit for the Scholarship Fund of the America Israel Cultural Foundation, raised \$10,000 which will be used to bring over promising Israeli artists for advanced study in the United States. The Inbal group will remain in New York until December 6, after which it will spend one month touring other American cities before returning to Israel.

DETROIT JEW RECEIVES NON-JEWISH AWARD; HELPED SCHOOL OF DIVINITY

DETROIT, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Benjamin Levinson, Detroit Jewish financier, was the recipient here of the "Knight of Charity" award given annually to a prominent person selected by Friends of the Missionaries of St. Peter and Paul for personifying their motto of "union in family life with person-to-person charity."

The award was presented also to a Catholic and a Protestant at a benefit dinner of the Founders of Maryglade College, a school of divinity. The three recipients of the award exemplify the Detroit community's support of this project, it was emphasized.

JEWISH AGENCY HOLDS MEMORIAL MEETING FOR ZAKIFF; GOLDMANN EULOGIZES

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for the late Gedalia Zakiff, Secretary General of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, was held today at the offices of the Jewish Agency here. In eulogizing Mr. Zakiff, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, declared:

"Gedalia Zakiff was one of the most devoted and able civil servants the Zionist movement has ever had. There were few who were as intimate as he was, with Jewish life and Zionist problems throughout the world. A gifted writer, a brilliant speaker and an organizer of outstanding ability, he combined qualities which are rarely found in one person.

"His life from his early youth was Zionism and he gave to it all the great qualities of his mind and soul. His passing away at such an early age is a great, nearly irreplaceable loss for the Zionist movement and for the Jewish Agency whose Secretary General he was. His achievements and his personality will remain unforgotten in the history of the Zionist movement of the last two decades."