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U.S. NAVY CRITICIZED IN SENATE FOR AIDING ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today took the Senate floor to criticize a U.S. Navy practice that respects the Arab boycott of Israel.

He referred to cancellation clauses in contracts with United States flag ships. The clauses took into account the Arab boycott regulations. The Navy warned prospective oil cargo contractors of U.S. "options" in event the Arabs refused to accommodate chartered ships. United States ships dealing with Israel would be unable to bid for such contracts.

Denouncing the manner in which the Arab boycott is being applied against American business firms, Sen. Javits cited the Navy's explanation that it was a matter of "business protection." Sen. Javits said the U.S. "is not a business firm."

He said America has insisted on freedom of the seas and must not condone illegal interference with Suez Canal shipping or boycott operations. He pointed out that a recent World Bank loan to the United Arab Republic to improve the Suez Canal was interpreted by the UAR as a vindication of its anti-Israel policies.

Senator Javits' attack on the Navy came as a result of the disclosure that for nearly two years the Navy has virtually foreclosed bidding on oil cargo shipping contracts to United States flag ships that previously did business with Israel. The special provisions in the Navy contracts with the U.S. flag ships read:

"In the event the vessel is prevented from loading or discharging in any port by the local authorities because of the vessel having previously traded with Israel, the charterer (the Military Sea Transport Service) shall have the option: 1. To cancel the charter as of the date loading is refused or after discharge at another port; 2. To require the substitution of another vessel of similar size, class, condition of tanks or cargo holds, and in a similar position; 3. To nominate other loading or discharge port or ports."

The Navy also made it clear that the owner would be responsible for the expenses incurred should the Navy be forced to exercise its options.

The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans today called for the punishment of those responsible for the Navy's compliance with anti-Israel boycott regulations of the Arab League. Commander Bernard Abrams asked that the order be rescinded immediately.

"The revelation that the U.S. Navy has played an active role in the Arab boycott comes as a deep shock to the JWV," Commander Abrams said. He termed it compliance with "international blackmail" and likened it to discrimination against U.S. Air Force personnel of Jewish faith practiced as a result of Saudi Arabian requirements.

Jewish Congress Asks Navy to Revise its Anti-Israel Cargo Contracts

NEW YORK, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today called on the United States Navy to stop serving as the "enforcement agent" of the Arab boycott of Israel.

In a telegram to Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates, Jr., the AJC urged revision of Navy oil cargo contracts which, it was charged, have made the U.S. a "partner" in Arab defiance of UN resolutions demanding opening of the Suez Canal for traffic and transit of all countries. The telegram said that the Navy had "capitulated" to Arab pressure "by imposing penalties upon American shippers wishing to deal with Israel."

"The authority, prestige and economic power of the U.S. must be placed in support of the principle that American shippers should have complete liberty to trade with all countries of the world with whom we maintain good relations," the American Jewish Congress telegram declared.

"Deep shock" at Navy discrimination in awarding contracts against shipping firms doing business with Israel was expressed today by Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency in a letter addressed to Secretary of Defense, Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Mr. Segal pointed out that the Navy contract "gives official sanction by an important U.S. agency to the United Arab Republic's continued defiance of the United Nations in barring ships going to and from Israel from the Suez Canal."

DR. GOLDMANN WARNS NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS

BONN, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, today told a press conference here that there was no "realistic danger" facing the Jews of Germany or the world if the symptoms demonstrated by the current anti-Jewish incidents "are not underestimated."

The world Jewish leader said he was convinced that the West German Government would now take steps to teach its youth about the crimes of the Hitler era and re-educate older citizens. He made his statement following a conference with Interior Minister Gerhard Schroeder. Previously, Dr. Goldmann had discussed the anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and with some of the Chancellor's top aides.

Dr. Goldmann called upon the governments of the world to probe into the possibility that the recent anti-Semitic manifestations in this country and elsewhere were the result of a centrally directed campaign by an international anti-Semitic movement.

There have been international meetings held recently by neo-Nazi and Fascist groups, he stated, while anti-Semitic pamphlets and similar literature are being circulated internationally. Large sums of money were transferred from Germany abroad after the collapse of the Nazi regime in 1945, Dr. Goldmann stated, declaring it could be expected that use for anti-Semitic purposes would be made of those funds.

Stating that he would not exclude Communist direction of worldwide anti-Semitism, Dr. Goldmann said, however, that he did not accept the theory that all the incidents were organized by Communists. "Communists," he said, "have seized the opportunity offered by the recent outbreaks to send in agents provocateurs to stir up anti-Semitic feelings and thus take advantage of the situation."

He praised the "very energetic" actions of the West Berlin authorities in rounding up the perpetrators of anti-Semitic incidents and said that the West Berlin actions should serve as an example to other areas "where similar energy has not been shown."

(In Washington, the State Department today made known that it has investigated the recent outbreak of anti-Semitism in West Germany and found no evidence to indicate that Communists were responsible. In a letter to Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher, New Jersey Democrat, Assistant Secretary of State William B. Macomber revealed the Department's findings.)

U. S. CONGRESS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALISM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee today unanimously adopted a resolution calling on other governments to prevent any further anti-Semitic vandalism or desecrations.

The resolution was submitted by Rep. Barratt O'Hara, Illinois Democrat. Twenty-three members of the committee joined with O'Hara in supporting the proposed resolution. It is expected that the resolution will be adopted by the full House next week and be referred to the Senate as it is a concurrent resolution.

In the resolution, Congress would express "its profound sense of indignation and shock at this epidemic of desecration" and call upon "all persons and governments throughout the world to exert their energies to the end that the shameful events shall not recur."

The resolution noted that a wave of desecration of "places of worship and other sacred sites" had spread through Europe and other parts of the world and that instances had occurred in this country. It said that "if unchecked this wave can only result in grievous moral deterioration and denial of the true spirit of the brotherhood of man."

POLICEMAN FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST ADENAUER; OPPOSES HIS PLEA

BONN, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- A Hamburg police officer has sworn out a complaint against Chancellor Konrad Adenauer because he advocated on-the-spot thrashings of anti-Semitic hoodlums, it was reported today. The officer, Horst Schmidt, charged the Chancellor with violation of a section of the West German criminal code because he had called publicly for the commission of an offense. Before action can be taken, however, Parliament must lift Dr. Adenauer's immunity as a member of the House.

At Lehrte, near Hanover, three men were sentenced today to up to seven months' imprisonment for painting anti-Semitic slogans last Monday. Police said that two of the men had at one time links with Communist organizations, while the third was a relative of an East German Communist official.

At Bayreuth in Bavaria, a 32-year-old truck driver was given a six-month jail sentence for telling a Jew "they have forgotten to gas you."

The Federal Government has concluded that there is evidence that the recent anti-Jewish incidents in West Germany were in part instigated, influenced and furthered by East German agencies, a spokesman for the Ministry of the Interior stated last night.

LEADER OF HAIFA RIOTS RELEASED FROM JAIL UNDER PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- David Ben-Haroush, the self-styled leader of the North African immigrants who was sent to jail last August for his part in the Haifa riots last July, was released today on a presidential amnesty.

Originally sentenced to a two-year term on charges which included assaulting one of the police who helped end the rioting in Haifa's Wadi Salib section and illegal possession of firearms, Ben-Haroush had his term cut in half on appeal. It is customary to release prisoners on good behavior after they have finished two-thirds of their sentence.

Ben-Haroush said, on leaving the prison, that he would return to political activities but that he would "change" his line. He did not disclose what his new political approach would be. "Even David Ben-Gurion was once imprisoned and later resumed his activities so there is no reason why I should be discouraged," he declared. While he was in jail, his followers organized a new political party which polled less than one percent of the votes in the national election last November.

ISRAEL TO SET UP INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY SERVICE FOR WOMEN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- The Government will set up an official inquiry committee to study the entire problem of military service for women, including complaints that there is misuse of claims of religiosity to evade service, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion announced today.

He made the announcement in Knesset, Israel's Parliament, in opposing a motion by Agudat Israel that the Knesset debate a proposal to abolish military service for women entirely. He also opposed a General Zionist proposal that military service for women be cut in half to one year, contending that Israel's security situation made continued military service by women necessary.

The Prime Minister used the debate as an opportunity for a sharp attack on the "growing number of those women shirking military service." He disputed the Orthodox claim that all religious authorities forbid girls from such service.

The Agudah opposition included arguments that military service damaged family life, that the birth rate was lower among girls in service than among Orthodox girls who are exempted and that the Arab countries might follow Israel's example and also conscript women. The Prime Minister replied jokingly that if it were true that military service reduced the birth rate, it might not be a bad idea if the Arabs began conscripting women.

BEN-GURION REPORTS ON PLANS TO COMBAT ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- A new department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is now studying the problem of the Arab boycott against Israel and drafting plans for counteraction, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion reported today to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

He said the plan would be presented to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee when it was ready. Brigadier David Shaltiel, former Ambassador to Mexico, is in charge of the new effort.

The Prime Minister opposed a General Zionist motion to have the problem discussed in the Knesset. He received majority support on his stand when he agreed to place the boycott on the agenda of a closed meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

The Prime Minister said he agreed with the view that the boycott was not causing Israel as much damage as was imagined, but that it was damaging and that Israel could not remain passive about the problem for reasons of principle. He added that Israel, as a small country, could not deal effectively by itself with the blockade and would therefore need to act through others.

HAIFA FIRM STARTS \$1,800,000 SUIT AGAINST RENAULT FOR DAMAGES

PARIS, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- The Paris newspaper Le Monde reported today that the Kaiser-Frazer company of Haifa had started suit against Regie Renault, the partly Government-owned French auto firm, for \$1,800,000 for breach of contract.

The French firm canceled a contract for assembly of its small cars at the Haifa plant last October, asserting at the time that small sales and high production costs had made the agreement with the Haifa company unprofitable.

Kaiser-Frazer officials in Israel charged that Renault had bowed to Arab boycott pressure, which officials of the company denied, and threatened a damage suit. Subsequently, talks were held between Kaiser-Frazer and Renault officials pointing toward a possibility of some kind of a settlement and the Haifa firm indicated it had dropped at least temporarily plans for a suit.

The Kaiser-Frazer plant was forced to lay off many workers because of a drop in production following cancellation of the Renault contract. Later Renault announced formally that the possibility of much greater sales to Arab markets had been a factor in the decision to cancel the Haifa contract.

OUTLAWING OF ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE DISCUSSED AT NEW YORK PARLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Representatives of ten civil rights organizations agreed at a conference called here today by New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, to discuss with their respective organizations the "desirability and need" of special legislation for the outlawing of the dissemination of "hate literature."

Attorney General Lefkowitz made it clear after the meeting that the conference had no relationship whatever to the recent outbreaks of anti-Semitism and the desecrations of houses of worship. Among the groups represented today were the American Jewish Congress, the Protestant Council of New York, the American Jewish Committee, the Catholic Interracial Council, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the New York Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In Chicago, the City Council passed an ordinance yesterday providing fines and jail terms for vandals who deface houses of worship. The ordinance imposes fines of not less than \$25 or more than \$200 and jail sentences of up to six months. In Baltimore, an ordinance which would increase maximum penalties for defacing religious institutions, was introduced into the City Council.

ARGENTINE JEWISH DELEGATION ARRIVES IN U.S.; LAUDS GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The handful of anti-Semitic incidents which have occurred in Argentina evoked strong protests from virtually all elements of the Government, political parties and the press, as well as speedy police action against the offenders, a delegation of Argentine Jewish leaders reported here today.

The delegation is composed of Dr. Abraham Mibashan, president of DAIA, the central organization of Argentine Jewry; Guillermo Cracowski, president of the Hebraica, the 25,000-member Hebrew young peoples association; and Max Barnett, a leading architect and president of Congregacion Israelita, the oldest Jewish institution in South America.

The Argentine leaders are in the United States on a mission on behalf of Argentine Jewish communal affairs. They have met with officials in various national Jewish organization offices in New York and Washington, including the Jewish Agency, B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, the World Jewish Congress and others.

As an example of the friendliness of officials and people alike for Jews, the delegation cited the funeral services for Louis Gutnitsky, Governor of Formosa Province, who was killed in an airplane accident on January 6. National homage was paid to him by the Government and the funeral services, with a rabbi and cantor participating, were held in the official residence of President Frondizi. It was the first time in Argentine history that Jewish funeral services were held in the Casa Rosada.

(In Buenos Aires, President Arturo Frondizi today received a delegation representing the Argentine Jewish community for a discussion of recent anti-Semitic outbreaks. The delegation consisted of Dr. Moises Goldman, chairman of the South American branch of the World Jewish Congress, Emilio Gutkin, president of the Buenos Aires Kehilla and Natan Lerner, vice-president of the DAIA. The members of the delegation praised the Government's attitude toward the incidents and called for more concrete legislation to counteract the anti-Jewish incidents.)

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR EIGHT-STORY B'NAI B'RITH HOUSE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Ground was broken yesterday for an eight-story B'nai B'rith House here which president Label Katz said would become a center of solidarity and fraternity for all Jews. Thousands of members of the various B'nai B'rith lodges in Israel and many guests attended the ceremony. Mayor Mordecai Namir and Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Isar Unterman brought greetings.

The first stage of construction of the B'nai B'rith House will be financed by \$250,000 received from members in the United States. The new house will be situated in the new Tel Aviv cultural center near the Sokolow House, the Physicians House, the Lawyers House, the ZOA House and the Frederic Mann Auditorium.

Mr. Katz announced that there would be an annual B'nai B'rith pilgrimage to Israel. Some 200 members will visit Israel in March in the next pilgrimage. Other speakers included Abba Eban, minister without portfolio and former Israel Ambassador to the United States, and Ogden Reid, American Ambassador to Israel whose comments, given entirely in Hebrew, were received with thunderous applause.

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CORRECTION: In our report yesterday on the new headquarters of the Jewish Agency in New York, it was stated that the offices of the United Jewish Appeal will be located in the new premises. It is the United Israel Appeal--not the United Jewish Appeal--which will have its offices there.