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STATE DEPT. TO ACT ON BIAS AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS IN FOREIGN LANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Satisfaction was expressed in Congressional circles here today with a statement made yesterday by the State Department that United States embassies and consulates abroad have been instructed to submit reports on discrimination against American citizens because of religion or race.

The State Department, it was indicated, has also instructed posts in countries where discriminatory practices against American citizens still prevail to submit a current status report on such practices together with recommendations concerning feasible means of applying the principles set forth in the Morse-Javits amendment to the Fiscal 1960 Mutual Security Appropriation Act. Sen. Jacob Javits, New York Republican, and Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, introduced the amendment because of Arab discrimination against Americans of Jewish faith.

The Morse-Javits amendment stated: "It is the sense of Congress that any attempt by foreign nations to create distinctions because of their race or religion among American citizens in the granting of personal or commercial access or any other rights otherwise available to U.S. citizens generally is repugnant to our principles; and in all negotiations between the U.S. under this act, these principles shall be applied as the President may determine."

The State Department advised its posts that the United States "has never condoned discriminatory practices by foreign governments against its citizens on grounds of race or religion." The Department said it remains "a basic objective of U.S. foreign policy to seek to eliminate, within the context of existing friendly relations with other members of the free world community, all such discriminatory practices."

Information on the new instructions was the subject of a letter received by Sen. Javits from William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations.

Both Sen. Javits and Sen. Morse today expressed satisfaction with the State Department's action. The two Senators said in a joint statement: "We shall follow through with the Department of State on this matter and consider its circular instruction to represent the first step in a program which is vital to our national interest, to eliminate this condition."

The Senators said "every American will await the 'Current Status Report' from our consular posts with the greatest concern, and we trust they will be submitted promptly. It can then be determined whether additional legislation or other action is needed."

Congress to Get Bill Against Navy's Aid to Arab Blockade

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, announced today that he was introducing a bill in the House designed to force the Navy to remove clauses that respect the Arab blockade.

He said the clauses made it virtually impossible for companies trading with Israel to bid on cargo shipping contracts for the U.S. military. "The U.S. Government is permitting the Arab boycott against Israel to spread to its own citizens and companies," he declared.

(Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today sharply denounced the action of the U.S. Navy Department in foreclosing bids on oil cargo shipping contracts to U.S. flag ships doing business with Israel as "a surrender to Arab intimidation and abject abdication by the U.S. Government of its rights under international law." The action of the Navy was strongly criticized also by The New York Times in an editorial yesterday.)

Secretary of State Herter was reported today to have told a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he hoped United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld would "have some success" in Egypt in resolving problems arising from Israel-Egyptian differences on Suez Canal usage.

(The Arab press in Cairo today reported that Mr. Hammarskjöld left Egypt yesterday without succeeding in securing the release of the two vessels detained at the Suez Canal for carrying cargo from Israel. During his stay in Cairo, Mr. Hammarskjöld conferred on this subject with President Nasser and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.)

SITUATION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA IS JEWRY'S MAJOR PROBLEM, GOLDMANN SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union "has become worse in the last few years"; it remains the world Jewish community's "number one" problem today, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared here last night.

Although anti-Semitism as such does not exist in Russia, Dr. Goldmann stated, "the Jews there are deprived of the facilities which all other religions and national minorities possess." The situation of the Jews in the USSR, he continued, "is worse than in any other Communist country where Jewish communities have their own religion and, partly, even some cultural life."

Dr. Goldmann discussed the position of Jews in Russia, as well as the recent resurgence of anti-Semitic manifestations in West Germany, when he addressed the opening meeting here of the national conference of the British section of the World Jewish Congress. The conference is being attended by 230 delegates from all parts of Britain, and by 36 members of the national executive.

Should the day come when the Jews in the Soviet Union were to possess at least some of the advantages which they have today in other Communist countries, such as Hungary and Rumania, "this would be a great step forward and a great improvement," Dr. Goldmann stated.

The position of the Jews in the USSR has worsened in the last few years, the WJC leader asserted, "although public opinion and many non-Jewish leaders have taken an active part in trying to alleviate the heavy fate which has befallen this great Jewish community of 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 people." The Soviet authorities, charged Dr. Goldmann, "are trying to put through a policy of forced assimilationism behind the Iron Curtain."

As for the recent outbreaks of anti-Semitic manifestations in Germany and elsewhere, Dr. Goldmann cautioned against alarm, at the same time, however, declaring that there does exist some "grave danger." The danger, he emphasized, lies "in the fact that many young Germans have grown up without having been taught the truth about Nazism and, especially, the Nazi crimes against the Jews."

If nothing is done to correct this situation, Dr. Goldmann held, "a generation of Germans may grow up in a few years which will revert to the old and classical German spirit of aggressive nationalism, racial superiority, intolerance and brutality."

ADENAUER TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF JEWISH LEADERS FROM 15 LANDS

ROME, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany, announced here today that, next month, he will attend a meeting in which representatives of Jewish organizations from 15 countries will participate. This meeting, showing the world the reconciliation between Jewry and West Germany, "should raise more interest than the recent anti-Semitic incidents," Dr. Adenauer stressed.

The German Chancellor made the statement at a press conference here today, following the conclusion of meetings with Italian Government leaders whom he had come here to see.

The perpetrators of the Christmas Eve desecration of the synagogue at Cologne, which sparked the recent outbreak of anti-Semitic manifestations, should have been tried immediately in a police court, Dr. Adenauer declared, "thus avoiding further incidents." He noted that the "youngsters" at Cologne were members of the right-wing German Reichs Party, "with criminal records."

Pointing out that there are only 20,000 to 25,000 Jews in West Germany, among a population of 53,000,000, the Chancellor said that "most of those who have committed anti-Semitic acts have probably never seen a single Jew." He stressed the fact that there have been similar outbreaks in other countries.

"It is difficult to demonstrate that the plan was organized by Communists. But, undoubtedly, it is a plan organized by those who nurture resentment against Germany and who find it to their interest to raise hatred against Germany," he stated.

(A man was arrested at Heilbronn, West Germany today for taking literally the advice voiced by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that those who are caught smearing swastikas should be thrashed on the spot. Eugene Walter, of Heilbronn, caught a 10-year-old boy using snowballs to smear a swastika on a war memorial. He beat the boy. Today, the child's father, Johan Hoffmann, had Walter arrested on a charge of maltreatment of a minor.)

10,000 DEMONSTRATE IN ISRAEL; PROTEST AGAINST ARMS DEAL WITH GERMANY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- About 10,000 former Ghetto fighters, partisans, ex-servicemen and members of leftist parties last night staged a demonstration against the resurgence of Nazism. At the same time, the mass-meeting held by the demonstrators adopted a resolution protesting against the arms deal between Israel and West Germany.

Yaakov Zerubavel, a leader of the leftist Achdut Avodah, addressed the mass-meeting. Warning that the recent outbreak of anti-Semitism is "a threat to the whole world," he declared that Israel "must not arm Germany."

LEADERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH EISENHOWER TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Leaders of the American Jewish Committee will meet tomorrow with President Eisenhower at the White House, it was announced here today at the conclusion of a week-long dedication program of the AJC's Institute of Human Relations. The more than 200 ranking educators and social scientists, who participated in the program, explored every phase of prejudice, discrimination and intergroup relations.

The delegation to President Eisenhower will be composed of Col. Frederick F. Greenman, chairman of the AJC national executive board; A. M. Sonnabend, chairman of the Institute's Development program, and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Slawson, in a paper summarizing the proceedings made public today, outlined the major areas of inquiry and action. He reported that all the prominent social scientists gathered from various parts of the country "acknowledged the existence of latent anti-Semitism. The only question was its depth."

The social scientists agreed, he stated, "that the time has come for us to initiate far-reaching research endeavors to throw light on those factors in American society that foster and impede wholesome intergroup attitudes."

50 Percent of All Judges in Germany Are Ex-Nazis, Ehrmann Charges

Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the American Jewish Committee, addressing the dedication dinner of the AJC's Institute of Human Relations, charged that more than 50 percent of all judges in West Germany today "are former Nazis." He further asserted that "former Nazis occupy important posts in the executive and administrative branches of the government--including at least three such persons who serve in the Cabinet."

The Committee president said that "a great number of teachers were active Nazis in the Hitler period" and during the entire period following World War II "there has been no systematic effort to revamp German educational programs." This, he stressed, has resulted "in a dangerous vacuum in the education of German youth as to the true import of the Hitler era."

Mr. Ehrmann stated that the "conspiracy of guilty silence which until now has embraced both parents and teachers within Germany must come to an end. German youth must understand the peril that Nazism represents and has represented not only to Germany but to the entire world."

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, discussed the Committee's activities outside the United States. He said that "one of the most urgent tasks which the AJC set for itself has been to render assistance in the reconstruction of Jewish life in Europe." He asserted that in Europe, as well as South America, the Committee has imparted to the Jewish communities the techniques of human relations, "thereby contributing not only to their own security but also to the inner strength of the free world."

Program to Check Anti-Semitic Vandalism in U.S. Proposed

Philip E. Hoffman, chairman of AJC's Domestic Affairs Committee, stated that the recent spate of vandalism against houses of worship in this country should alert the American people to the danger of "latent anti-religious feelings." If not checked, he warned these "tendencies" can heighten "domestic intergroup tensions" and weaken our position as democratic leaders of the Free World. He proposed the following four-point program aimed at developing short and long-range "curative" measures:

1. Since the entire community is threatened by these acts, all community agencies should be involved in dealing with them--Mayor's office, law enforcement agencies, courts, voluntary organizations, social workers, etc.

2. All mass communications media should tone down publicity for these acts to reduce "the imitative potential."

3. School and court authorities should utilize psychiatrists and sociologists to determine the anti-religious attitudes of young delinquents and deal therapeutically with them.

4. Drastic and "publicity-provoking" punishment such as the original treason arraignment for the three neo-Nazi youths in Queens is not warranted for the kind of acts that have marked the recent incidents. However, wherever arrests are made, complaints should be filed and prosecuted.

Other speakers at the dinner last night included Philip Noel-Baker, British MP and 1959 Nobel Peace Prize winner and R. S. S. Gunewardene, Ceylon Ambassador to the United States and chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. The guest of honor at the dinner was A. M. Sonnabend of Boston, chairman of the Institute's development program. Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman introduced Mr. Noel-Baker who spoke on the need for world disarmament.

Ambassador Gunewardene called "worldwide protection of human rights" a basic requirement for "worldwide stability and peace."

AMPAL REPORTS \$50,000,000 IN INVESTMENTS, CREDITS; PLANS TO EXPAND

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The total of investments, loans, cash and credits of AMPAL--American Israel Corporation is now \$50,000,000, Abraham Dickenstein, AMPAL president, reported here today at a press conference. He said AMPAL was planning to expand its investments in Israel and intended to build rental apartments.

Mr. Dickenstein also announced that the Israel Development Corporation, an American-registered investment company affiliated with AMPAL--American Israel Corporation, will pay \$508,000 in dividends to stockholders of record as of November 30, 1959. The dividend this year is at the rate of over five percent per annum, he said. An additional amount of \$150,000 will be paid to the holders of the preferred shares of AMPAL--American Israel Corporation as of December 31, 1959.

The Israel American Industrial Development Bank Ltd., a subsidiary of AMPAL, is also paying a dividend amounting to \$122,400 at the rate of six percent per annum to the holders of its debenture stock, Mr. Dickenstein reported. He said that stockholders in the AMPAL group will receive \$780,400 in dividends. The AMPAL group's investments in Israel include oil exploration; importing, refining, and distribution of oil and oil products; chemical plants; fibreboard manufacturing plants; orange and cotton plantations; rubber and tire manufacturing; and sugar refining. The group is the largest private foreign investor in Zim-Israel Navigation Co. Ltd.

ABRAHAM FEINBERG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Abraham Feinberg was elected president of the Israel Bond Organization at a meeting of the board of directors of the Development Corporation for Israel, it was announced here today.

The Israel Bond president has had a leading role in major enterprises for Israel as well as in Jewish communal and cultural activities in the United States. He is president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, and chairman of the board of trustees of Brandeis University.

General Moshe Dayan, Minister of Agriculture of the State of Israel and former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, is coming to the United States next month to participate in the 1960 Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds, which will formally launch this year's nationwide campaign for the sale of Israel bonds, it was announced today. The conference will be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami from Friday, February 26 through Sunday, February 28.

ANTI-SEMITIC YOUTHS SENT TO HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL OBSERVATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Two of the three Queens youths accused of consorting for unlawful purposes after police found a quantity of anti-Semitic literature in their possession were in the hospital today for mental observation. The third was free on bail after treason charges placed against them by one magistrate were dismissed by another.

The three were John Wallace, 21, self-styled leader of a Nazi group, Hugh Barlow, 20 and Richard Phelps 16, all of Flushing in suburban Queens. They were arrested in a police raid on Wallace's home. Magistrate Milton Solomon ordered the treason charge placed for the first time in New York state judicial history because "it seems to me these defendants were conducting a war of their own."

Magistrate James Lo Piccolo dismissed the charge on a motion by the district attorney who said there was not enough evidence to make the treason charge stick. The charges were reduced to conspiracy and disorderly conduct which carry a maximum sentence of a year in jail and a \$500 fine.

ARABS BAN U.S. FILMS SHOWING EARTHA KITT OR EDWARD G. ROBINSON

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic has issued an order banning films in which either Eartha Kitt or Edward G. Robinson appear, it was reported here today.

The reason was that the two entertainers had shown "pronounced Israel sympathies and have helped collect contributions for Israel." A similar action was taken some time ago against Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe.

MELECH GRAFSTEIN, AUTHOR OF WORKS ON YIDDISH WRITERS, DEAD

LONDON, Ontario, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here for Melech Grafstein, a noted Yiddish literary figure and leader in the Canadian Labor Zionist movement, who died in Miami after a lengthy illness.

Born in Poland, Mr. Grafstein was a director in the Yiddish theatre after he settled in Canada. Among the Yiddish works published by Mr. Grafstein were "Shalom Aleichem Panorama" and an anniversary volume of the works of J. L. Peretz. He was active in the Histadrut campaign in Canada and in the field of Jewish education.