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### U. N. ADOPTS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A strongly worded resolution condemning "the manifestations of anti-Semitism and religious and racial prejudices," was adopted here today unanimously by the 14-member Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The resolution emphasized that the recent anti-Jewish manifestations are "reminiscent of the outrages committed by the Nazis prior to and during the second World War."

The group firmly condemned "these manifestations as violations of principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The acts were denounced as a violation "of the human rights of the groups against which they are directed and as a threat to the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all peoples."

The measure will now go before the subcommittee's parent body--the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, which is to open its next session at Geneva on Feb. 28. The resolution, as adopted, conforms to the formulation originally proposed by the United States representative, Judge Philip Halpern, of Buffalo, with the backing of the representatives of Britain, France, Austria, Uruguay and Finland. One of the major changes insisted upon by the Soviet representative who wanted the Nazis mentioned by name, was accepted by Judge Halpern and his co-sponsors in the final draft of the resolution.

The resolution expresses the principle "that it is the responsibility of the United Nations, representing the international community, to speak out against anti-Jewish manifestations, to ascertain the underlying facts and causes, and to recommend the most effective measures which can be taken against them." It also expresses "gratification that governments, peoples and private organizations, have spontaneously reacted in opposition to these manifestations."

#### Governments Urged to Prevent and Punish Acts of Anti-Semitism

After voicing stern condemnation of the manifestations, the resolution urged members of the United Nations and of the UN specialized agencies "to take all appropriate action, to prevent and punish such acts, including the adoption of additional laws, if necessary, and the vigorous enforcement of existing laws." The resolution also called upon public authorities and private organizations "to initiate or intensify programs of education, designed to eradicate the prejudices reflected in these manifestations."

Looking forward to further action, the resolution requested the Secretary General of the United Nations to obtain and relay to the Subcommittee information and comments from member states on:

"1. Manifestations of anti-Semitism and religious and racial prejudices which have occurred within their borders,

"2. Spontaneous public reaction to these manifestations and the action with respect thereto by private organizations,

"3. Measures which have been taken by the public authorities to prevent such manifestations and to punish the perpetrators thereof, and any further measures they may contemplate,

"4. Their views as to the deep-lying causes and motivations of such manifestations."

Judge Halpern declared after the vote: "I regard this resolution as a historic occasion in which, by unanimous action of a UN body, the United Nations has shown the world its deep concern over the manifestations of anti-Semitism. The world organization dedicated itself to the long-range task of searching out the roots of anti-Semitism and eradicating them and to the immediate task of ascertaining the motivations of those who are seeking to exploit anti-Semitism for sinister purposes."

Dr. Max Beer, representative of the International League for Human Rights, which has been urging the Subcommittee to adopt the resolution, told the group after the unanimous vote had been recorded: "We have raised the blue and white flag of the United Nations as a standard around which all people of good will can rally in opposition to the evil forces represented by the swastika."

## CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN U.S. ISSUE CALL TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Catholic hierarchy in the United States called today for a "vigorous and public repudiation" by all right-minded citizens of the "infection" of anti-Semitism.

Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, chairman of the administrative board of bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, issued the call in a statement deploring recent defilements of various synagogues and churches. The prelate, speaking for his fellow bishops on the board, said the simultaneous expression of "a malevolent spirit of hatred" in many countries "would seem to indicate an organized plan of action or some common origin.

"Whatever may be the source of the evil or the sinister purpose to be served," the archbishop said, "the danger should be immediately recognized and effective measures taken to eradicate the infection before it can spread." The archbishop noted that Catholic and other Christian churches have been desecrated as well as Jewish temples, "indicating that religious and racial hatred are widespread and constitute a common motivation of the outrages."

The prelate expressed sympathy with the victims and called on "all citizens, whether Christians or Jews, and all those who love truth and justice, to protest privately and publicly against further manifestation of bigotry.

"We urge that all right-minded people refrain from any word or deed which might seem to condone the circulation of rumors, false reports, or misrepresentation which embitters our mutual relations and retards the advancement of our common welfare." The National Catholic Welfare Conference is the secretariat of the 217 United States bishops, archbishops and cardinals. Sixteen of the prelates are on the administrative board, including the six American cardinals.

## GERMAN REICH PARTY BANNED IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE AS NEO-NAZI GROUP

BONN, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The State of Rhineland-Palatinate banned yesterday the German Reich Party and its affiliated youth group, the Young German Comradeship.

The state Ministry of the Interior, in announcing the ban, said that the party was unconstitutional because it was the successor of the Socialist Reich Party which was banned as a neo-Nazi organization by the Federal Supreme Court in 1952.

Hans Schikora, the German Reich party deputy in the state Diet, withdrew yesterday from his post as state party chairman. He has been accused of making pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic speeches. He had been a functionary of the Socialist Reich party.

(The government of the Federal Republic of Germany in a special message today to the American Jewish Committee has given assurances that the German State Ministers of Culture will take steps "to ensure that more is done in schools to further enlighten the young people" on the subjects of Hitler and Nazism. The message which was signed by Wilhelm Grewe, German Ambassador to the United States, on behalf of the German Government, stated that "it is our conviction that everything possible should be done to teach contemporary history in the lower as well as the upper grades.")

## SYRIAN ATTACKS CAUSE GROWING TENSION IN ISRAEL; U.N. GETS COMPLAINT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Two Syrian attacks in the last two days in the Lake Tiberias area brought growing tension today in the area and led to the lodging of an Israeli complaint with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

Syrian gunners shot yesterday at an Israel patrol which came to Tel Katzir to drive off Syrian farmers cultivating Israel fields. It was the second firing at an Israel patrol.

Israel field workers resumed normal activities in the area this morning. Feverish activity was observed on the Syrian side of the border and army units were seen arriving in the area. The scene of the incidents is on the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias in a section which is within Israel land boundaries. However, Syrians occupied part of the area and have since claimed it. Recently they used these positions to fire on Israelis working in nearby fields.

Dr. Avraham Biran, head of the armistice department of the Israel Foreign Ministry, met with Gen. Carl van Horn, chief of the UN Truce Organization and asked for UN intervention to halt the Syrian attacks.

## THREE OIL FIRMS WEIGH JOINT DRILLING OPERATION IN NEGEV AREA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA) -- Three Israel oil firms were reported today to be negotiating an agreement for joint drilling for oil along a line between Ruhama and Sde Boker in the Negev.

The line is considered a single geologic chain, the head of which is believed to be Rosh Zohar, the rich oil and gas well near the Dead Sea. The companies are the National Oil Company, the Naptha Company and the Israel Negev Company.

## ISRAEL FREIGHTER LAUNCHED IN GERMAN PORT; IS NAMED 'NAHARYA'

LUEBECK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A freighter commissioned for Zim-Israel Lines by the Israel Mission in Cologne was launched here today. It was named the "Naharyz" by Mrs. G. Barpal, wife of the director of Zim Israel.

## U.S. REPORTS TO UNITED NATIONS ON RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AMERICAN JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Bible reading in public schools, the "released time" practice under which public school pupils are excused for religious study, and Sunday closing laws, are the foremost problems in the field of religious rights and practices of present concern to American Jews, according to a report submitted by the United States to the United Nations.

The report is one of 86 similar documents provided by 86 governments as background for a worldwide survey of religious rights and practices conducted by the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Two figures are provided in the report regarding the size of the American Jewish population. Statistics compiled by the United States Census Bureau, on the basis of a sample survey made in March, 1957, list the number of Jewish civilians, 14 years of age and over, as 3,866,000, or 3.2 percent of the total comparable population in the U.S.A. The report, however, also cites figures provided by the World Union for Progressive Judaism, showing that there are 5,200,000 Jews in the United States. The latter includes children.

The report declares that "such questions as the reading of the Bible in public school classrooms for religious instruction, and the accommodation of public school schedules to a program involving the release of students from class to attend instruction in their particular denomination, have given rise to controversy."

On Bible reading, the report quotes the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, a body accredited here as having consultative status. It represents B'nai B'rith, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the South African Board of Jewish Deputies. The Jewish group declares:

"It is now legally possible to engage in this practice (Bible reading) in 37 states; 13 states and the District of Columbia require it; 11 states permit it; and 13 states make no mention of the Bible at all in their schools laws. Only 11 states expressly prohibit reading the Bible in public schools."

### Cites Jewish Opposition to Sunday Laws and Bible Reading in Schools

The report cites an expert as stating that "the organized Jewish community is overwhelmingly opposed in principle to the practice of Bible reading in the public schools." Listed among these opponents are the Synagogue Council of America and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

According to the report, "some form of 'released time' program exists in communities in 43 states. In 10 of these states, 'released time' is legalized either by statutes or by court decisions." It declares that "the Jewish community almost uniformly opposes" the "released time" programs.

Sunday closing laws, "prohibiting or restraining certain activities on this day," are reported to exist "in some form" in every state in the Union. The report declares that "opposition to these laws comes mainly from Jews and Seventh Day Adventists who wish to observe Saturday as the Sabbath."

On the question of enforcement of the Sunday laws, the report cites a statement by the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, which declares: "The laws are only sporadically enforced; and, when they are, conviction or acquittal is as likely to follow on the piety of a jurist as on his knowledge of the law."

In general, the American report shows that the U.S. Constitution, backed by the courts, upholds absolute freedom of religious rights and practices in the United States, and guards the principle of separation of Church and State. One limitation on Constitutional protections is noted by the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, which points out: "The Federal Constitution, and the majority of State Constitutions, protect the individual only against Government action. If he suffers discrimination at the hands of an individual, or a group, he cannot seek Constitutional protection."

The Board adds, however, that "Nineteen states have enacted civil rights laws, under which private persons who operate 'places of public accommodation' are enjoined from practicing discrimination on the basis of race, color, or religion. Federal statutes similarly provide for criminal prosecution of persons who conspire to deprive any person of Constitutionally protected rights."

Certain "exclusionary" provisions in some laws are also cited. It is reported that New Hampshire has a Constitutional provision, not enforced, limiting certain offices to Protestants. In some states, "theistic belief" is required of office holders. Two states ban "ministers of the Gospel" from serving in their legislatures.

## QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS RECEIVES B'NAI B'RITH LEADERS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A delegation of the executive committee of the B'nai B'rith International Council was received yesterday by Queen Juliana at Soestdyk Palace. The Council, which was created at the B'nai B'rith convention last May in Jerusalem, is holding its first meeting here under the chairmanship of Philip Klutznick.

#### SENATE GETS RESOLUTION FOR EINSTEIN MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, introduced today in the Senate a joint resolution to permit the establishment in Washington, D. C., of a memorial to Albert Einstein, the famed scientist who emigrated to America from Nazi Germany in 1933 and died in this country in 1955.

#### SALE OF RENAULT CARS DECLINED IN U.S. SINCE FIRM'S BREAK WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Resentment over the surrender of the Renault automotive concern to the Arab boycott of Israel was indicated by members of the automobile industry here today as a reason for a marked decline in the sale of the French automobile in the United States since Renault canceled its dealings with Israel.

The fall in the sale of the popular Renault car here was most marked in view of the continued increase in sales on the American market registered by other foreign cars and the heavy, intensified sales and promotion campaign embarked upon by Regie Renault here.

According to Wards Automotive Reports, generally considered the authoritative indicator of industry developments, Renault sales in the United States have been falling steadily since last September. In that month, Renault sold 9,500 cars in the United States. The total decreased progressively, according to Wards, to 7,003, for the month of December.

#### VANCOUVER POLICE ANNOYED BY ANTI-NAZI POSTERS CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Vancouver city authorities, plagued by an epidemic of swastikas on buildings, fences and even the sidewalks of the city, complained this week that anti-Nazi elements had broken the law by putting up posters condemning the anti-Semitic manifestations.

The posters, put up in the hundreds, sounded a warning to "neo-Nazis, Mosleyites, Ku Klux Klan, all racists." They bore the message that "it's not up to the Jews to answer these atavistic outrages... it is up to every man to defend the practice of freedom... so that we will not be turned in hate upon one another." The posters, said the police, violated a city by-law since they had been put up without authorization.

Earlier, Mayor Tom Alsbury and Vancouver newspapers sharply criticized Dr. W.B. Hoerter, editor of a German-language weekly newspaper here, Der Nordwester, for telling German residents to establish a vigilante committee to prevent the anti-Semitic manifestations for which the German element might be blamed. The editor later said he merely intended that the Germans should be on the watch for manifestations to report them to the police.

#### RABBIS DEMAND ELIMINATION OF RELIGIOUS MATERIAL FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis declared last night that "sectarian religious practices have no place in the public schools" and that all "specifically sectarian material and doctrinal teachings should be eliminated from school programs."

That stand was taken in one of a series of resolutions approved at the board's annual meeting at which Rabbi David L. Golovensky was re-elected president.

The school resolution also proposed that symbols, ceremonies and representations "identified with specific religions" should neither be displayed nor used and that school authorities should avoid classroom materials which "have a particular sectarian religious character."

The delegates, in another resolution, urged the New York Legislature to amend the present Sunday closing law to "grant the Jewish community the religious freedom of observing their Sabbath as our Christian brothers are entitled to observe theirs."

#### JEWS IN BRAZIL MOURN DEATH OF ARANHA; SUPPORTED ISRAEL AT U.N.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Confederation of Jewish Communities of Brazil and the Brazil Zionist Organization participated today in funeral services for Oswaldo Aranha who, as president of the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, won the enduring esteem of the Zionist movement for his support of Israel's cause in the partition decision of that year.

Mr. Aranha, a former Brazilian Foreign Minister, died suddenly last night at the age of 65. Death was attributed to a heart attack. The Israel Embassy here issued a statement of mourning in which Mr. Aranha's friendship for Israel was noted.

#### MEMORIAL HELD ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF DR. JOSEPH THON

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for the late Zionist leader Dr. Joseph Thon was held last night under the sponsorship of the Zionist Organization of America on the first Yahrzeit of the death of the veteran Zionist. The memorial which was held at the Jewish National Fund House, was attended by many Zionist leaders as well as a delegation of the Polish Jewish Club headed by former Judge Maximilian Friede.