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CONGRESS CONFERENCE DROPS ANTI-BIAS CLAUSE FROM PEACE CORPS BILL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Senate conferees, led by Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Foreign Relations Committee, have eliminated an anti-bias clause from the Peace Corps bill now before Congress, it was disclosed today.

Peace Corps Director R. Sargeant Shriver had insisted before Senator Fulbright's committee that Peace Corps personnel would not be sent into nations, like Arab States, that discriminate against U.S. personnel on a basis of religious or racial prejudice.

By unanimous vote, the House adopted an amendment barring Peace Corps operations in nations seeking to enforce bigotry; Rep. Silvio O. Conte, Massachusetts Republican, said this amendment was "directed particularly to the Arab countries that have discriminated against American boys of Jewish faith. I do not think they should have the benefit of the Peace Corps."

It was learned that the State Department, through Sen. Fulbright, interceded in the Senate-House conference to delete the anti-bias measure. approved by the House; Representative Thomas E. Morgan, Pennsylvania Democrat, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, admitted that the amendment "caused the conference a great deal of concern." Rep. Morgan expressed sympathy for the amendment's purpose but apparently had to go along with the Executive Department's wishes; The Executive Department emphasized that they would not have Peace Corps programs in a country that made American personnel "repeatedly subject to discrimination."

As a result, "the managers on the part of the House agreed to the deletion of this provision. They are concerned that in the less developed countries Government policy frequently may not be well coordinated and public opinion not fully matured. Under the circumstances, individual incidents of discrimination might occur which did not reflect either the policy of the Government or the attitude of the public generally."

"One of the functions to be served by Peace Corps volunteers should be to bring about an understanding by the people of the countries in which they serve of different races, religions, and national points of view. It would be undesirable to deprive any country of the benefit of this type of service on the part of the Peace Corps."

Peace Corps leaders were shocked by the elimination of the anti-bias measure. Sources said that the Corps makes no inquiry into religion of members and therefore would be technically unable to comply with foreign demands that persons of the Jewish or other faiths be weeded out.

KEATING SAYS STATE DEPT. FAILED TO PROTECT U.S. FIRM FROM ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, took the Senate floor today to denounce the failure of the State Department to take action on behalf of a New York City firm boycotted by Arab States because it was accused of trading with Israel.

The New Yorker, revealing correspondence in which the State Department said it disapproved the Arab boycott but linked it to the "underlying Arab-Israel conflict of which the Arab boycott is an undesirable growth," asserted that the Department's attitude was "absolutely incomprehensible." He said that Arab-Israel differences notwithstanding, it was "the responsibility of the State Department to protect the interests of American business abroad."

The Senator said the Department's "ostrich-like policy" toward the Arab boycott was "at variance with our policies throughout the world." He said the United States stood firmly against Red Chinese and East German pressures but refused "to fulfill its duties" against the Arab boycott.

Senator Keating did not publish the name of the New York firm, to spare it further Arab reprisals. The company received a letter in July from the Arab League inquiring into the Israel trade question. Senator Keating pursued the matter with the State Department.

The Department informed Senator Keating that since the U.S. Government did not recognize the Arab boycott, "the Department considers that it would be a step in derogation of our policy were we to register official protests or otherwise intercede..."

RIOTING ISRAELI ARABS PROTEST SLAYING OF FIVE IN BORDER INCIDENTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Large scale Arab demonstrations, described as the largest held in Israel since statehood, continued today in protest against the killing of five Arab youths in two attempts to cross the border into the Egyptian held Gaza Strip.

The demonstrations started on Yom Kippur eve, Tuesday, during the funeral of three of the youths, aged 18 to 19, who were killed by an Israeli patrol when they refused to obey an order to halt. Communist elements in Haifa seized the incident to incite a mob. They took charge of the funeral which was converted into a mass demonstration in which Arabs carried the three uncovered coffins at the head of the march.

Shouts against the Israel Government and cries of "Long Live Nasser and Arab Palestine" were heard. Even when the funeral procession marched into the cemetery, the Communists took over the burial services from the priests and the families of the youths. Defying demands of the priests, the Communists brought the three bodies to a common grave. As a result, the priests left the scene.

Arabs attending the funeral returned to Nazareth where the Communists arranged the Yom Kippur demonstrations. They distributed leaflets calling for a work stoppage and more demonstrations. Organizers of the agitation went into the schools and forced teachers to halt classes, 2,000 pupils joining in a march to the town hall.

As the procession was swelled by agitators and workmen, police tried to persuade the demonstrators to disband. When such efforts failed, the police charged in with batons to end the demonstration. Two policemen were wounded and four demonstrators were detained in the Nazareth demonstrations. Similar demonstrations were held in other Arab villages but there were no clashes as in Nazareth.

ESHKOL RESUMES INTER-PARTY TALKS ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Indecisive maneuverings in Israel's deadlock over formation of a new government were resumed today after a Yom Kippur recess.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai Party met first with the ultra-Orthodox Poale Agudah party and then with the "Club of Four" parties--the Liberals, Mapam, National Religious Party and Achdut Avoda. Earlier in the week, Mapai reported it had formed a Parliamentary bloc with Poale Agudah and four pro-Mapai Arab members of the Knesset, controlling 48 Knesset seats as against the 46 seats held by the "Club of Four."

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who is negotiating under a mandate from President Ben-Zvi to try to form a new Government, took time out from the negotiations to meet with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who campaigned for the Liberal party before the August 15 elections. While Dr. Goldmann said merely that the discussion was cordial, it was reported that Eshkol might have asked Dr. Goldmann to seek to induce the Liberal Party leaders to soften their attitude in regard to terms for joining a new coalition. The Finance Minister then returned to negotiations with representatives of the Club of Four.

ASSEMBLY BODY VOTES INCLUSION OF PALESTINE ITEMS ON AGENDA

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- The General Committee of the United Nations General Assembly recommended today the inclusion among other items on the agenda of the current Assembly session, the report of the director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the report on activities, cost and maintenance of the United Nations Emergency Force. UNEF patrols the border between the United Arab Republic's Sinai Peninsula and Israel and holds Sharm el Sheikh, which dominates the entrance to the Gulf of Eilat.

HAMMARSKJOLD HAD PLANNED TO TRANSLATE MARTIN BUBER'S WRITINGS INTO SWEDISH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- The late Dag Hammarskjold planned to translate into Swedish Professor Martin Buber's basic philosophical work, "I and Thou," and had written a letter discussing his plans which the noted philosopher received here on the very day of the United Nations Secretary-General's death. The letter had been written from United Nations headquarters in New York just before Mr. Hammarskjold left on his ill-fated trip to the Congo.

Mr. Hammarskjold, long an admirer of Professor Buber, whom he met twice, wrote that he hoped to have the translation published in Sweden within the next year. There was no indication how far Mr. Hammarskjold had progressed with his translation of the work.

ISRAEL, WEST GERMANY IN PACT TO PREVENT DOUBLE TAXATION ON INVESTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Israel and the West German Federal Republic have initialled a treaty to free West German capital investments in Israel of double taxation. The agreement will run for five years from its formal ratification and will then continue in effect until either party denounces it.

NEO-NAZI PARTY RECEIVES SETBACK IN WEST GERMAN FEDERAL ELECTIONS

BONN, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- The German Reich Party, a neo-Nazi grouping, received a setback in West Germany's parliamentary elections Sunday, an official recapitulation of the vote today established. The party polled only 0.8 percent of the total vote as compared to 1.0 percent in the 1957 Federal elections, and its pre-election expectations of winning 7.0 percent of the vote.

Numerically, the neo-Nazi group polled 264,186 votes, a drop of 32,167 from the total it amassed in 1957. The party will not have a single seat in the Bundestag, the Lower House of Parliament, since it failed to obtain a minimum of 5.0 percent of the vote cast.

The party's greatest strength was shown in the Rhineland-Pfalz, Lower Saxony and Bremen areas. German leaders have frequently considered seeking a ban on the German Reich Party because, despite its protestations of loyalty and tolerance, it was generally regarded as being anti-democratic and anti-Semitic.

KENNEDY SAYS ANNE FRANK'S GIFT TO WORLD WILL SURVIVE HER ENEMIES

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy paid tribute here to Anne Frank in a message in which he said that, in her diary, the young Dutch Jewish girl had left "a gift that will survive her enemies." The President's message was read here by Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg after he had placed a wreath at the house where the Frank family hid from the Nazis for two years and where Anne Frank wrote her diary.

"Of the multitude who throughout history have spoken for human dignity in times of great suffering and loss," Mr. Kennedy declared, "no place is more compelling than that of Anne Frank." He said that "her humor, her humanity and her hope illuminate the hearts of men heavily clouded by the apparent willingness of those who seek power and domain over the soul of man to again deprive people of the right to live in peace, tolerance and freedom."

NEW HILLEL FOUNDATION TO SERVE TWO AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith announced today that religious and cultural programs will be initiated for Jewish students on two Australian university campuses.

Dr. William Haber, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission, announced that Sydney University and the University of New South Wales will be served by a new Hillel Foundation in Sydney. The center will be jointly maintained by B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of New South Wales.

Hillel last year established facilities at Monash University and the University of Melbourne, both located in Melbourne.

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER GREET JEWS OF WORLD ON NEW YEAR

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- President Joao Goulart of Brazil and Prime Minister Tancredo Neves joined today in a message of felicitation to the Jewish community of Brazil and to the Jewish people in other lands on the occasion of the Jewish New Year. The message was addressed to Prof. Fritz Feigl, president of the Confederation of Jewish Communities.

CASABLANCA, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Prince Moulay Abdulla, brother of King Hassan II of Morocco, offered Yom Kippur services in a Casablanca synagogue yesterday and greeted the Moroccan Jewish community.

PARIS, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Kaplan, Chief Rabbi of France, in a message read in synagogues throughout France at Yom Kippur services, appealed for "understanding and solidarity" in France and the rest of the French Union.

JEWS GROUPS ASK PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO VETO NEW IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Six major national Jewish organizations and 57 Jewish community councils, functioning through the National Community Relations Advisory Council, urged President Kennedy this week to veto an immigration bill passed by Congress which provides for the admission of some orphans but retains the discriminatory quota system based on race and nationality, while facilitating the deportation of aliens.

Terming the provisions dealing with judicial review of deportation orders an infringement upon "procedural due process," the letter urging the veto was signed by the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

Reiterating their oft-voiced demand for comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration policies, including elimination of the national origins quota system, the Jewish organization called such "piecemeal revision" they say is represented by the bill an evasion of basic needs.

HOLY DAY APPEALS IN SYNAGOGUES OPEN NEW PHASE OF ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- High Holy Day appeals in more than 800 synagogues throughout the country launched the new seven-year Israel bond campaign for \$500,000,000. Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported today. Completion of the new campaign was designed to coincide with the celebration of Israel's twentieth anniversary in 1968.

"At a time when immigration has substantially increased, we must enable Israel to accelerate her economic development to provide the newcomers with adequate housing and jobs," Dr. Schwartz said. "We must also recognize the indispensable role of Israel bonds in opening up the Negev, Israel's new frontier of settlement and industrial growth."

JEWISH OFFICIAL WARNS CATHOLICS AGAINST RELIANCE ON RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- A Jewish community relations official warned a conference of Catholic lay leaders here of the danger of reliance on right-wing extremism as a major weapon against Communism and stressed the need for religious unity in meeting the major problem of the day.

Irving Levine, executive director of the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council, told a seminar on domestic Communism held by the Leadership Development Institute of the National Conference of Catholic Men that unless religious groups acted to provide constructive answers to the problem of the day, they might find areas dominated by elements with no appreciation of the American way of life.

DETROIT CENTER DEFERS SABBATH PROGRAM PENDING COMPROMISE PROPOSALS

DETROIT, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Intervention by a negotiating committee appointed by Max M. Fisher, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, has resulted in a decision by the board of the Jewish Community Center to defer until November 4 introduction of Saturday afternoon programs. The Center's intention to introduce such programs created a furor in the Detroit Jewish community and resulted in court action by Orthodox elements to halt it. Mr. Fisher, in his personal capacity, named a negotiating committee which met with both sides to work out a compromise.

Charles H. Gershenson, president of the Center, announced that "delay in the conduct of a Saturday afternoon schedule has been decided upon by the Center board in order to have time to receive and consider recommendations of an appropriate nature and extent of such a program" as the committee will propose.

WAGNER PROCLAMATION URGES INCREASED USE OF RELEASED TIME PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Mayor Wagner of New York issued a proclamation today declaring the month of October to be "Released Time Month for Religious Education." The text of the proclamation was handed to a group headed by Charles H. Tuttle, chairman of the Greater New York Coordinating Committee on Released Time, and including Israel Weisberger of the Jewish Education Committee.

The proclamation noted that 100,000 children in the New York City schools participate annually in the released time program. It urged "all those responsible for the care of our children to enroll them in their respective religious centers for spiritual and moral training." It noted that the released time program has been in force in New York for 20 years.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS SUNDAY AS 'INTERFAITH DAY' IN NEW YORK

ALBANY, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller issued a proclamation here today designating September 24 as "Interfaith Day" in order to "promote the traditional American spirit of true friendship and mutual respect between Americans of all sects and creeds."

MONTREAL STUDENT WINS CULTURE FOUNDATION AWARD FOR STUDY ON YIDDISH POET

NEW YORK, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Miss Ruth Roskies Wisse, of Montreal, has been awarded a \$500 prize for a critical study of 15 Yiddish prose poems by Abraham Sutzkever, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture announced today. Funds for the award were provided by the Esther and Louis LaMed Fund of Detroit for a master's thesis on a Jewish subject accepted by an accredited American or Canadian university. The winning treatise was submitted to Columbia University.

ISRAEL SMOLLAR, LABOR ZIONIST, DIES IN NEW YORK AT 61

NEW YORK, Sept. 21; (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Israel Smollar, an active member of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, who died here yesterday at the age of 61. Mr. Smollar, a brother of Boris Smolar, Editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was a founder of the Histadrut Campaign in America. Born in Rovno, Russia, Mr. Smollar came to the United States in 1921. He was active in the Farband movement and in the work of the Jewish National Fund, which had planted 1,000 trees in Israel in his honor in recognition of his services to the organization.